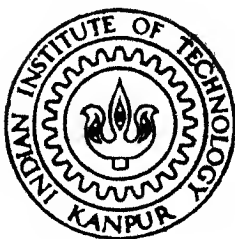


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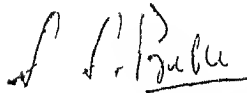
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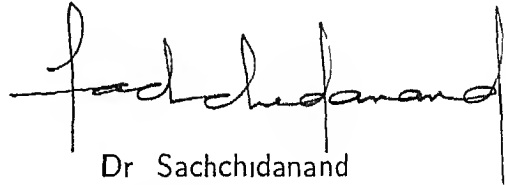
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## Abstract

With increasing demands made on existing transmission systems power systems are becoming highly stressed. This deteriorates the system's transient and dynamic performance. To deal with it, controllable devices like FACTS (Flexible AC Transmission Systems) and HVDC links will be increasingly utilized. Future power systems will have many such controllable devices. In an integrated system, their interaction will be critical. Without any co-ordination in their operation, the control interaction may be detrimental to system security.

This thesis addresses such issues related to parallel operation of an HVDC link with a variable series compensated AC line where the device used for series compensation is TCSC (Thyristor Controlled Series Capacitor). The control strategies possible are investigated. It is shown that if the controls of HVDC link and TCSC are not co-ordinated no significant advantage will be obtained compared to an uncontrolled line. It may even have a negative effect on system operation. Here a control strategy is proposed for TCSC which does not come in conflict with HVDC controls. The controller proposed here can be realised with locally measurable signals. The suitable values of control parameters are found for this controller. Systems's performance is evaluated for a wide range of system disturbances, using PSCAD/EMTDC. The control strategy used here shows a marked improvement in transient stability compared to an uncontrolled line.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 General introduction

With ever increasing power demand tapping of new resources has become necessary. Most of the new generation is likely to be far away from load centres. Transmission of power from generating centres to distant load centres will be required. As increase in transmission capabilities becomes necessary power system engineers will face new challenges in fields of planning, operation, control and stability of power systems. The constraints imposed by existing transmission system and performance expected from the upgraded system will dictate the choice of new configuration. Environmental concerns are also becoming important now. But above it all, economics will be the dominant factor.

As level of power transfer over existing corridors increases, systems' transient and dynamic performance deteriorates. To deal with it, new schemes must have an element of controllability. So technologies like HVDC and FACTS (Flexible AC Transmission Systems) are becoming important. FACTS, which is relatively a new technology, is gaining wide spread acceptance now. This is because installation of FACTS devices on existing AC transmission systems makes them controllable to some extent.

Concept of FACTS was given by EPRI (Electrical Power Research Institute) of USA. FACTS is based on the use of power electronics components to enhance

controllability and power transfer capabilities of AC transmission systems. Some of the important FACTS devices are [1]

- 1 SVC(Static VAR Compensator) Shunt connected Used mainly for voltage control
- 2 STATCOM(Static Compensator) - Shunt connected Used mainly for voltage control
- 3 TCBR(Thyristor Controlled Braking Resistor) Shunt connected Used mainly for transient stability control
- 4 TCPST(Thyristor Controlled Phase Shifting Transformer) - Series connected Used mainly for power flow control and stability improvement
- 5 TCSC(Thyristor Controlled Series Capacitor) Series connected Used mainly for power flow control stability improvement and SSR damping

Also all these devices except TCBR can have a supplementary control for improving system damping

This thesis looks into the issues related to parallel operation of AC and HV DC line where AC line is variable series compensated by TCSC

## 1.2 Practical relevance of the system under study

When large power is supplied from one area to another and increase in transmission capacity is required due to addition of generation in the supplying area and increased demand in receiving area, choices available to system planners are

- Some high voltage AC lines may exist to supply the previous demand. In such a case, one option is to lay new AC lines. But this will require huge investment and may not be possible due to environmental concerns. An alternative option will be to series compensate the existing AC lines to increase their power transfer capability.

If the series compensation is fixed it will create two problems. Firstly it will not offer any controllability. So the performance under contingencies like faults, outage of parallel lines, sudden change in power level etc. will be unacceptable. Since large power transfers are involved, system security is very important. The line flows affect both the areas receiving as well as supplying. The second problem with fixed series compensation is SSR (sub-synchronous resonance). To overcome these problems, controllable series compensation becomes necessary. TCSC is well suited for the purpose.

- A more common case is of an HVDC link existing in parallel with high voltage AC line to meet the earlier demand. A single HVDC link without any parallel AC line is improbable due to natural growth patterns of power system (except in case of asynchronous systems). Also, many times a single HVDC link working as a critical line may be undesirable. This is because of the very fast response of DC link to system contingencies like faults, under which it reduces the power flow to zero very rapidly. This may endanger the stability of both the areas. To deal with it, special controls are required. Another disadvantage with DC link is that it does not provide any synchronising torque and as a frequency insensitive load, may produce negative damping. Also it may cause voltage instability [2].

In case of a parallel AC-DC link to meet the new transmission capacity required, two options exist with system planners. The first one is to upgrade the existing HVDC link to carry the additional power. This will be very costly since not only will it need changes in converter and DC line, but will also need changes in AC side filters and reactive compensation. Also, as discussed above, it will create some additional problems. Although the DC link offers excellent controllability for steady state power scheduling and can provide damping of AC system with modulation, the same cannot be said for its performance under faults. Even for power flow scheduling, it needs co-ordination with generators. A better option will be to variable series compensate the existing AC lines with TCSC. It will boost the power transfer capacity as well as provide controllability, both under steady state and transients. Also, TCSC performance

is inherently very good for SSR mitigation and with an auxiliary control it has been found to be best for damping of electromechanical oscillation [3-4]

An HVDC link in parallel with a variable series compensated line will be a very potent combination. It will boost up the power transfer capability over the corridor, provide fast control over the power flow and give satisfactory performance under contingencies like faults. Also, because of two controllable lines, the link may be assigned multiple control objectives.

In near future, such a system may come into existence. The scope for such a system exists in Pacific Intertie and IPP in western USA. In India too, scope exists for Rihand Dadri link.

## 1.3 Objective of the thesis

This thesis investigates control interactions and co-ordination strategies in case of parallel operation of an HVDC link with a variable series compensated high voltage AC line. The device used for variable series compensation is TCSC. In this thesis, system is suitably modelled with detailed representation of both HVDC link and the VSC (variable series compensated) AC line.

The main task of this thesis is to develop suitable control strategies for both VSC and HVDC link. It is to be ensured that the controls for both do not clash. They should improve the system performance. The controls should be able to track any change in their reference values. Also, they should improve the system stability under fault conditions. The suitable values of control parameters need to be found for these objectives. The control interactions have to be studied under various conditions.

## 1.4 Literature review

As the number of controllable devices increase in a power system, their interaction becomes important. Fast power electronics devices have the potential for detrimental interaction with other devices [5]. [6] discusses such control interaction for two

parallel AC lines both with variable series compensation. It is demonstrated that if controllers for both acts in a co-ordinated manner it will improve the system performance significantly. In [5] the interaction between TCSC and SVC is studied. It shows that interaction exists between voltage input auxiliary control of TCSC, the series compensated AC system resonance and SVC controls. It suggests proper filtering and change in control strategy to avoid problems associated with this interaction.

Unfortunately the problem of control interaction and co-ordination has not received the attention it deserves. Literature is very scarce on large signal interaction although a number of papers have been published on small signal interaction.

The concept of using HVDC link to stabilize a parallel AC line is very old [7]. Most of such schemes use current modulation on the DC link [2-8]. A wealth of literature is available on using TCSC auxiliary control for damping of electromechanical oscillation [3-9-10]. It has been found to give a far better performance compared to SVC or PAR. Also, its action is not dependent on its location [3]. In [11] a scheme for TCSC use for transient stability improvement is presented.

TCSC is a new device and there is considerable interest in power system community about it. In [12], its basics and performance aspects like impedance characteristics, harmonics, response time and the effect of its reactor size are discussed. [13-14-15] discusses TCSC modelling for stability studies. In [16] rating consideration for TCSC are discussed. [17] discusses the various issues related to TCSC installed at Kaventa in Arizona, USA. In [4], the TCSC response under SSR frequencies is discussed. It is shown that TCSC detunes the SSR since it presents an inductive resistive impedance at SSR frequencies.

## 1.5 Summary of the work reported in this thesis

A chapterwise summary is as follows.

Chapter 2 looks into the need of co-ordinated control and control strategies for the parallel operation of variable series compensated AC line and HVDC link.

In Chapter 3, system is modelled on PSCAD. A detailed description of system

and its control is given

In Chapter 4 simulation studies are carried out to assess the performance of the control strategies under various conditions

Finally, Chapter 5 gives the conclusions and suggestions for further work

## Chapter 2

# Control Strategies for a parallel AC-DC link

### 2 1 Introduction

Installation of FACTS devices and increasing use of HVDC links while solving many of the existing problems will pose some new problems as well. FACTS devices and HVDC are very fast acting. Without proper co ordination of their controls these devices may adversely affect overall operation of power systems although they may solve local problems.

### 2 2 Effect of a controllable line in SMIB system

When a controllable line supplies power from a generating station to a very large power system which can be modelled as an infinite bus, it has to work under certain constraints. The most basic of these constraints is the constant mechanical input to the generator for the duration of transient, since the governor action is quite slow. So the power on the line should correspond to the mechanical input to the generator. If the reference value for the controller on the line is such that the corresponding power flow does not correspond to the mechanical input, the generator will start either accelerating or decelerating. After it, two possibilities are there



- 1 The controller output will hit one of its limits since given a constant mechanical input of the generator it can not achieve its reference value. After this the system will settle down to a steady state in some time. The hitting of limits is undesirable since there is no controllability left in one direction to deal with further contingencies.
- 2 If the control action is very fast system will face a big jerk and it may even lose stability.

The fundamental point is that the control action should be such that a proper operating point exists for the system. The control response should be reasonably fast to meet the system contingencies like faults but it should not be so fast as to cause a large jerk to the system in case of reference changes which may cause the system to lose stability. This requirement is more severe in case of very fast device response, like an HVDC link.

So the control strategy has to be decided judiciously in case of a controllable line in an SMIB system. The requirements become more severe in case of two parallel lines where both lines are controllable.

## 2.3 Effect of multiple controllable lines

An interesting case arises when two or more parallel lines are supplying power from one point to another, where some or all of the lines are controllable. The controllable lines may be HVDC lines or AC lines with FACTS devices installed on them. The overall objective is to supply a given amount of power which has to be decided in conjunction with power generation and demand in both areas and to ensure system security under transients as well as in steady state. Here the situation is more complex compared to the case of single controllable line, since the total power flow over the corridor should correspond to mechanical input to generators. So the controllers on the individual line not only need to consider the mechanical input to the generators, but have to co-ordinate among themselves. If there is no co-ordination among controllers for the parallel lines the controllers on these lines may set a reference value for which no operating point may exist. Under such cases,

either one or more controllers will hit their limits. Under extreme cases, system may even lose stability. Because of the multiple controllers, system will behave in an unpredictable and erratic way.

There are two solutions to this problem:

1. Use of a master control
2. Use of non-conflicting local controls

### 2.3.1 Use of a master control

The first approach to solve the coordination problem is to have a master controller which will assign the tasks to individual controllers in such a way as to avoid any conflict in their objectives. The advantage of this approach is that the perspective is system wide. Overall system performance can be improved with this. However, there is one drawback with this approach. This approach needs extensive communications. In case of disruption in communications, local controllers will behave in an unpredictable way which may endanger system security.

### 2.3.2 Use of non-conflicting local controls

The second approach is to have only local controllers designed in such a way as to avoid any conflict between them. For example, one controller may be assigned the task of maintaining a scheduled power flow, another may be assigned the task of maintaining a proper voltage profile, still another may be provided a different task for example maintaining a constant power angle.

The best approach will be to have a master control with extensive and reliable communications and keeping local control objectives as backup in case of disruption in communications.

This thesis discusses such issues related to the parallel operation of two controllable lines supplying power from one point to another, where one line is a variable series compensated (VSC) AC line and the other is an HVDC line.

## 2 4 Variable series compensation

For variable series compensation of an AC line various schemes have been suggested all of them using power electronics devices. Of these the most attractive is a device called TCSC (Thyristor controlled Series Capacitor). It consists of a TCR (Thyristor Controlled Reactor) in parallel with a fixed capacitor. It gives continuous control over its impedance through variation of thyristor firing angle.

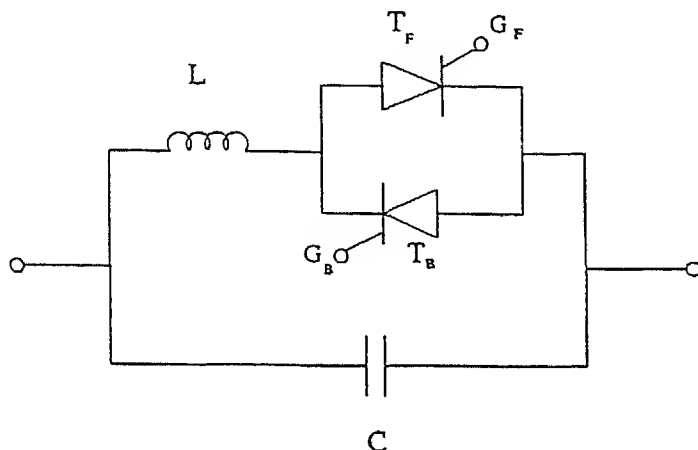


Figure 2 1 TCSC

### 2 4 1 Impedance characteristics of TCSC

In TCSC, thyristors are fired when the capacitor voltage and currents are opposite in polarity. This means firing the forward looking thyristor of the anti parallel pair between  $90^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$  with respect to zero crossing of capacitor voltage. This establishes a loop flow in the parallel TCR fixed capacitor circuit which changes the voltage appearing across capacitor. This changes the equivalent impedance of the TCSC.

TCSC reactance as a function of its firing angle  $\alpha$  can be found by taking parallel combination of TCR reactance and fixed capacitor reactance. But this does not give the exact value, as shown in [12]. If the reactance is calculated in this way the value calculated is less than the actual value and the error increases as  $\alpha$  decreases. A

more realistic estimate is given by the following formula [17]

$$X = \frac{1}{\omega C} - K_1 \frac{2\sigma + \sin 2\sigma}{\pi \omega C} + K_2 \cos^2 \sigma \frac{K \tan K\sigma - \tan \sigma}{\pi \omega C} \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$\sigma = \pi/2 - \alpha$$

$$K = \lambda/\omega,$$

$$\lambda = 1/\sqrt{LC}$$

$$K_1 = \frac{K^2}{K^2-1},$$

$$K_2 = \frac{4K^2}{(K^2-1)^2} \text{ and}$$

$\alpha$  is the firing angle

The Figure 2.2 shows the impedance characteristics of TCSC as a function of firing angle of thyristors. The characteristics shown is for  $L_{TCSC}$  of 15 mH and  $C_{TCSC}$  of 204.83  $\mu F$  which are the values used for the TCSC taken in the system under study in this thesis. In the figure, a positive value denotes capacitive reactance and a negative value denotes inductive reactance. As can be seen from the curve, for smaller values of firing angle, TCSC reactance is inductive while for larger values, it is capacitive. There exists a point midway through, where the TCSC reactance switches from inductive to capacitive. This point is called the resonance point of the TCSC. In and around this point, TCSC reactance is very large. This large reactance region is known as quasi resonance zone of TCSC [12]. TCSC is never operated in this region.

## 2.4.2 Harmonics generated by TCSC

Since TCSC is a switched device, it generates harmonics. Only odd harmonics are generated [12]. Of the harmonics generated, third harmonic is dominant. Its magnitude increases as the magnitude of TCSC impedance increases. Because of this, the TCSC reactance is generally restricted to three times the value of fixed capacitor reactance. The harmonic content of TCSC voltage is very high. It may be as high as 20%. But most of the harmonics generated circulate only in the parallel TCR-capacitor circuit. This is because the value of capacitor reactance is much less compared to reactance of the rest of the network. So the amount of harmonics

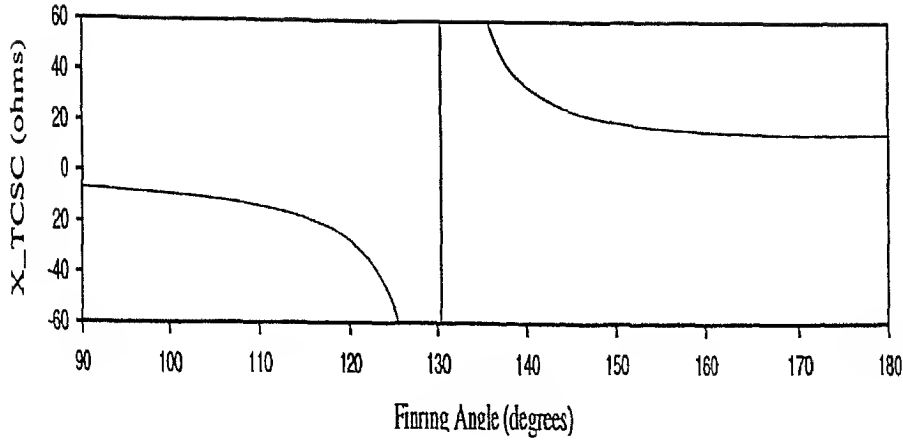


Figure 2.2 Impedance characteristics of TCSC

injected in the system is very low. The harmonic content of line current is very low, being of the order of 1-2%.

Because of the low harmonic content of line current, it is a better signal for firing reference [15]. This means a firing angle of  $180^\circ + 0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ + \alpha_{res}$  when TCSC is operating in inductive mode and a firing angle of  $\alpha_{res}$  to  $90^\circ$  when TCSC is operating in capacitive mode, where  $\alpha_{res}$  is the firing angle at the point where TCSC reactance shifts from inductive to capacitive. The only problem with current reference firing is that switching from inductive mode to capacitive mode or vice-versa is problematic since for that, the firing circuit not only needs to fire the thyristors at the desired angle, but it needs to find in which mode the TCSC is working. But considering that the TCSC is usually operated only in capacitive mode, this problem does not occur under normal mode of operation.

### 2.4.3 Basis for choosing the value of TCSC reactor

The value of reactor used for TCR is very important in TCSC. First of all, the value chosen should be such that only one resonance point exists. Also, the natural frequency of TCSC LC circuit is dependent on it. As the value of L increases, the natural frequency decreases. This has a bearing on the response time of TCSC. As the natural frequency decreases, TCSC response gets sluggish, although the effect is not very pronounced. Larger reactance gives advantages which outweigh this disadvantage. The first is

that it decreases the value of  $\alpha_{es}$  thus increasing the control range available in the capacitive mode. Also as size of reactor increases loop current decreases for the same value of TCSC equivalent impedance. So the thyristors with lower ratings can be used. This decreases the cost of TCSC. But then with increasing reactor value cost of reactor increases.

So a compromise has to be made both in respect of economy and performance. Generally, the value of reactor is such that the natural frequency of L-C circuit is between 120 to 150 Hz [15]. But this is not a rigid parameter and a higher value of reactor (meaning a lower value of natural frequency) can be used if the control range desired is high [12].

## 2.4.4 Speed of response of TCSC

As discussed before the speed of response of TCSC is a function of the value of reactor. But a greater effect will be that of the operating point of TCSC. As the operating impedance increases TCSC response time increases. The TCSC response can be approximated by a fourth order model as given below [17]

$$Z(s) = \frac{\omega^2}{(1 + s\tau)^2(s^2 + 2\omega\zeta s + \omega^2)} \quad (2.2)$$

As firing angle  $\alpha$  decreases (ie as impedance increases)  $\tau$  and  $\zeta$  increase while  $\omega$  decreases. For the TCSC installed at Kiyenta Arizona [USA], the value of  $\zeta$  ranges from 0.25 to 0.75,  $\omega$  ranges from 58 to 18 and value of  $\tau$  ranges from 0.003 and 0.012 for  $\alpha$  varying from  $170^\circ$  to  $150^\circ$ . However TCSC response can be approximately modelled as a first order delay

$$Z(s) = \frac{1}{1 + s\tau} \quad (2.3)$$

The TCSC installed at Slatt (USA) have been modelled like this in the studies. The delay is approximately 15 ms for it [14].

## 2.4.5 The control modes of TCSC

TCSC is operated in two control modes, namely vernier and bang-bang. In the vernier mode, the value of firing angle can be anything between  $\alpha_{min}$  to  $180^\circ$  (for

firing synchronised to the capacitor voltage) The value of TCSC can be varied smoothly in this mode and control is continuous

In bang bang mode value of firing angle is either  $90^\circ$  (thyristor fully on) or  $180^\circ$  (thyristor fully off) (for firing synchronised to the capacitor voltage) Bang-bang operation has been found to be useful in improving transient stability of the system [11]

## 2.4.6 Firing control for TCSC

As mentioned before current is a better signal for firing reference The TCSC installed in Kayenta(USA) uses this For firing control either IPC(Individual Phase Control) or EPC(Equidistant Phase Control) can be used Being a series connected device, the requirements on firing circuit for TCSC are less stringent compared to shunt connected devices This is because for it the current will never go to zero even in case of severe faults, so the recovery of firing circuit after the fault will be fast

## 2.5 HVDC link

### 2.5.1 Basics

An HVDC link is fully controllable in the true sense of the word It can control power anywhere from zero to its maximum capacity It can even reverse the direction of power flow

In an HVDC link, rectifier controls current by controlling the firing angle  $\alpha$  and inverter controls voltage by controlling extinction angle  $\gamma$  PI controls are used for both

In the DC link, basic formulas are

$$V_{dr} = V_{dor} \cos \alpha_r - R_{cr} I_d \quad (2.4)$$

$$V_{di} = V_{doi} \cos \gamma_i - R_{ci} I_d \quad (2.5)$$

$$I_d = (V_{dr} - V_{di}) / R_{line} \quad (2.6)$$

where,

$V_{dr}$  and  $V_{di}$  are the DC voltages at rectifier and inverter respectively,

$I_d$  is DC line current,

$R_{line}$  is the DC line resistance

$R_{cr}$  and  $R_{ci}$  are the commutating reactances at the rectifier and the inverter respectively,

$\alpha_r$  is the firing angle at the rectifier,

$\gamma_i$  is extinction angle at the inverter

$V_{dor} = 3\sqrt{2}E_{IIT}/\pi$  where  $E_{IIT}$  is the line to line voltage at the rectifier bus and

$V_{doi} = 3\sqrt{2}E_{LLi}/\pi$  where  $E_{LLi}$  is the line to line voltage at the inverter bus

## 2.5.2 Voltage Dependent Current Order Limits (VDCOL)

DC link draws reactive power from the AC system at both ends. If the AC side voltage becomes too low and the current order remains same, it may cause voltage collapse in a weak AC system because of the high reactive power demand at low voltages. To prevent it, VDCOL is used to limit current order under low voltage. This also prevents repetitive commutation failure under faults by reducing the current.

The complete V-I characteristics for the DC link is shown in Figure 2.3. If voltage falls below  $V_{ul}$ , VDCOL comes into action. If voltage goes even below  $V_{ll}$ , current order is fixed at some minimum value.

## 2.5.3 Power control on the DC link

From the operating point of view, it may be desired to control power on the DC link rather than current. For this a block is needed which converts the power order into current order. The structure for this controller is shown in Figure 2.4.

The DC link should respond fast to changes in  $P_{dc\_order}$ . So the time constant  $T_2$  is very small, being of the order of 5-50 ms. However, to avoid instability at low short circuit ratios, the time constant  $T_1$  should be large, being of the order of 0.1

2 seconds [18]. A minimum limit on measured voltage is kept to avoid very high current order.



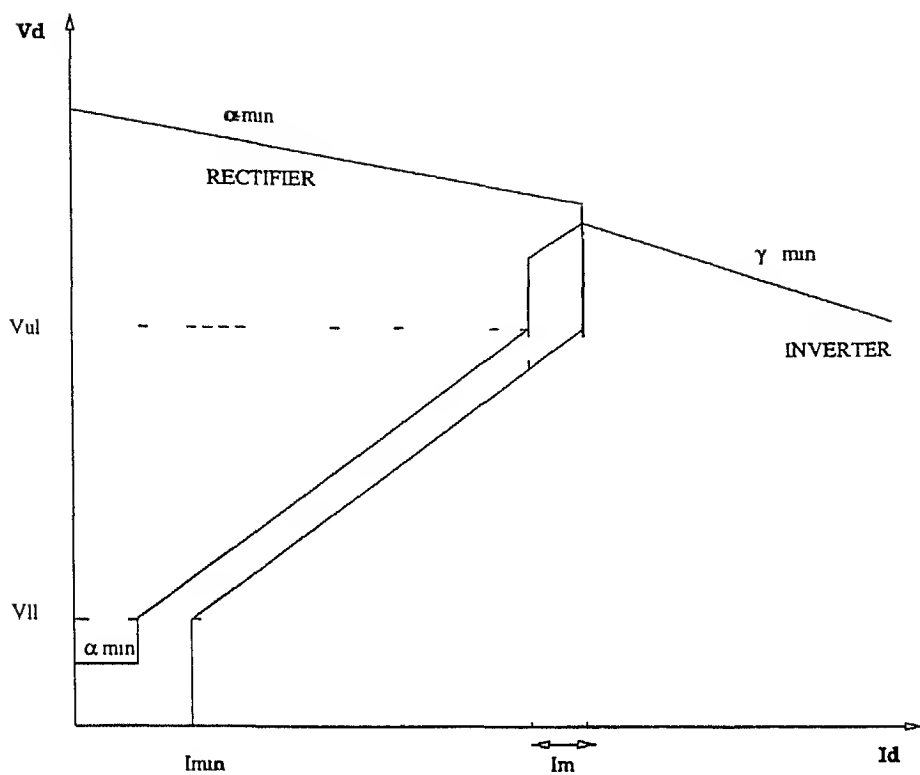


Figure 2.3 V I characteristics for DC link

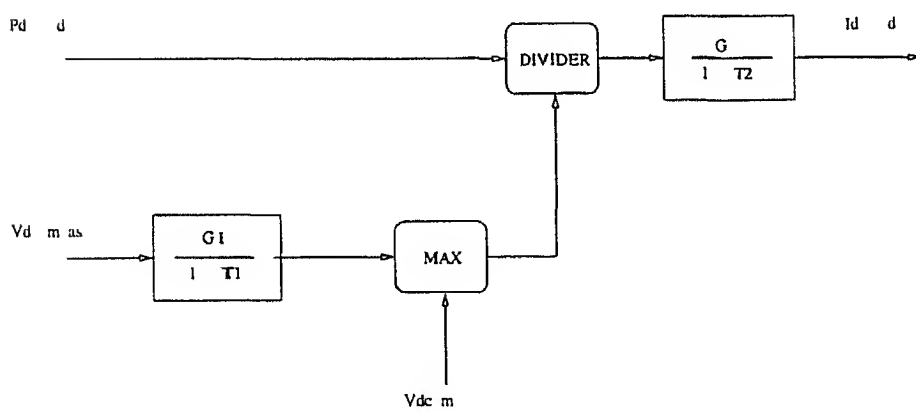


Figure 2.4 Power control for DC link

## 2 6 Control strategies for a variable series compensated AC line operating in parallel with DC line

The general control mode for HVDC link is current/power control. In the case taken for study here DC link controls power. Since in most of the cases HVDC link will exist prior to the installation of the TCSC on the parallel AC line the control strategy adopted should be such that it does not require modification in the controls of the HVDC link. Also it is desirable that the controls used for the TCSC use only locally measurable signals.

The control strategies possible for TCSC are discussed below.

### 2 6 1 Reactance control

In this, TCSC operates as a constant reactance. This does not use any closed loop control. An  $X_{c\_order}$  is supplied to the control which by using a look up table determines the corresponding firing angle  $\alpha$ . This method does not come in conflict with HVDC controls. But for transients conditions due to faults or set point changes it does not give any advantage since it behaves like a fixed capacitor.



Figure 2 5 Reactance control of TCSC

### 2 6 2 Power Control

This control strategy utilizes a PI controller to maintain a scheduled power flow over the AC line. The control structure is shown in Figure 2 6.

Since the DC line is already keeping the power constant this means that the total power flowing over the corridor is being maintained constant by the controller on the both line. This power should correspond to the mechanical power input to

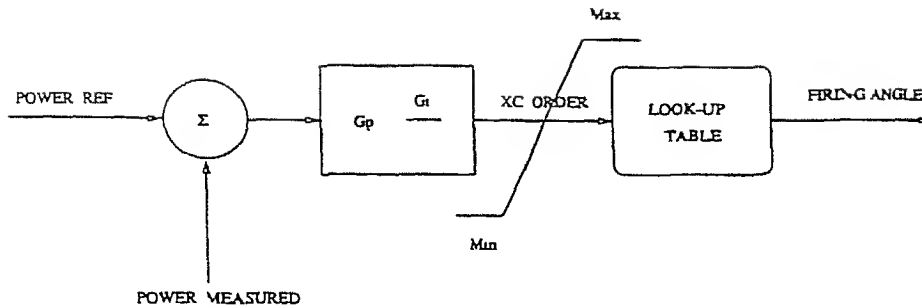


Figure 2.6 Power controller on TCSC

the generator for system to have a steady state operating point. Assuming that system is operating in steady state, this controller will behave well for faults. This is because in trying to maintain power flow constant on the AC line, it indirectly helps to keep generator electrical output constant, which helps generator to stop accelerating/decelerating.

But faults are not the only contingency a system is likely to face. The control should be able to deal with all other contingencies like a change in power flow on the parallel DC line or a change in mechanical input to the generator.

A change in the mechanical power input of the generator can occur due to a number of reasons, for example due to outage of a unit in the generating station, a failure of mechanical system, action of some additional control on the generator like automatic frequency control etc. It may even be a deliberate decision due to reasons of economic load dispatch.

A change in power flow on the parallel DC link can occur due to abnormal operation of controls, outage of a pole or the VDCOL action in case of low voltages.

In case of any of these contingencies, the performance of the power controller will be unsatisfactory. For example, in case of an increase in power flow on the DC line, power on the AC line will start decreasing since the mechanical power input to the generator is constant. Power controller on the AC line will react to this by increasing the capacitive reactance of TCSC. Now, if this increase is very fast, generator may go out of synchronism. If the action is slow, the controller output ( $\gamma_{order}$ ) will hit its maximum limit and will stay there, thus losing its control over the line. The latter possibility is more likely to happen since TCSC response is not very fast.

Even if the controller changes  $\lambda_{c\_order}$  fast TCSC will take some time to achieve this value

An apparent solution to this problem is to keep a master control to keep the total power over the corridor constant. This is shown in Figure 2.7

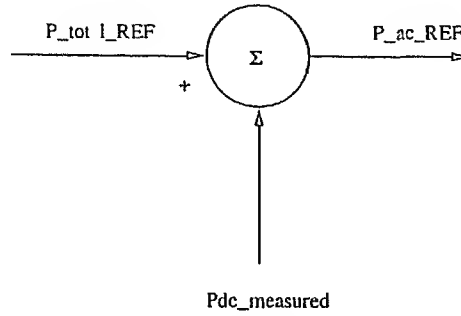


Figure 2.7 Master control

The logic behind this is that this will keep total power over the corridor constant thus matching the mechanical input to the generator even if the power flow on the parallel DC line changes. But a DC link behaves as a non linear load on the AC system at both ends. A DC link can not be modelled as a series impedance. So even if the power over the corridor remains the same the parallel link's equivalent impedance changes. This will change the power flow in the other parts of the network. Again, this will cause an unbalance in the electrical output and the mechanical input of the generator. So assuming that the generator remains stable, the power order of the AC line will be unattainable. So the TCSC controller will hit its upper or lower limit. The HVDC link will attain its power order, being faster in response compared to TCSC. However, if there are alternate parallel paths for power to flow, this control strategy will work.

This is verified by the simulations in this thesis.

The point to be noted here is that in some very particular cases, the parallel links equivalent impedance may become the same for some particular compensation level. In that case power controller may work.

Another drawback of this control strategy is that it will not work in case of a change in the mechanical power input of the generator since this control strategy

basically tries to keep electrical power output of the generator constant by trying to keep power flow over the corridor constant

So although power control is an attractive proposition in many cases it will not work for the case of parallel operation of HVDC and variable series compensated AC line To deal with the control problems associated with such a system this thesis proposes regulation of power angle across the parallel AC-DC link through use of TCSC

### 2.6.3 Delta regulation

The control strategy proposed here maintains a constant power angle delta across the parallel AC DC link by varying TCSC reactance in response to changing network conditions The controller used for this purpose is a simple PI control

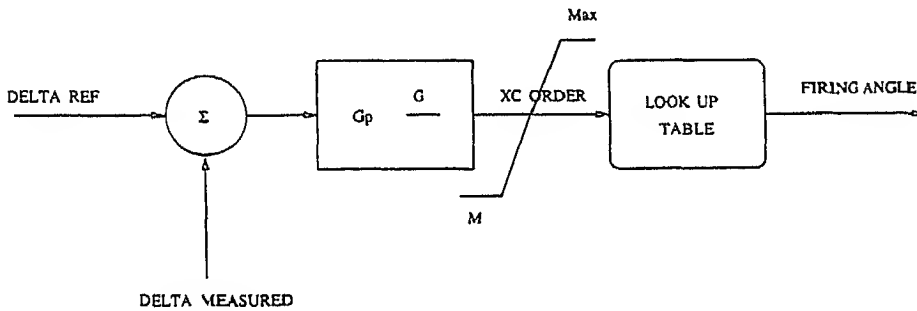


Figure 2.8 Delta regulator

The power angle  $\delta$  across the AC DC link approximately follows the equation

$$P_{ac} = \frac{V_1 V_2}{X} \sin \delta \quad (2.7)$$

where  $P_{ac}$  is power flow over the AC line  $V_1$   $V_2$  are the terminal voltage at the ends of the line and  $X$  is effective line reactance given by

$$X = X_{LINE} - (X_{FC} + X_{TCSC}) \quad (2.8)$$

where  $X_{LINE}$  is total line reactance,  $X_{FC}$  is the fixed series compensation and  $X_{TCSC}$  is the capacitive reactance offered by TCSC It is clear that by changing  $X_{TCSC}$   $\delta$  can be regulated

Delta regulation over the link does not come in conflict with the power controller on the DC line. Given constant mechanical power input of the generator, for every value of DC line power flow there exists one steady state value of AC line power, whatever be the value of series compensation on the AC line. This controller will adjust the degree of compensation in such a way that the desired value of the power angle  $\delta$  is obtained at the steady state power level of the AC line. So this controller will work well for the changes in the DC line power flow.

Such an operating point will exist even in the case of mechanical power input change at the generator. Again, the controller will adjust  $X_{TCSC}$  to bring  $\delta$  to the desired value.

In case of large changes in DC power flow or the mechanical input of the generator, the value of  $X_{TCSC}$  required to maintain constant  $\delta$  may be outside the limits of the controller. In such a case the controller output will hit its limit and will stay there.

In addition to avoiding conflict with HVDC controller, regulating delta has the apparent advantage of improving transient stability of the system. The transient instability manifests itself when power angle does not stabilize. Delta regulator will be useful for improving transient stability since by trying to maintain power angle  $\delta$  constant, it opposes its movement during transients.

The regulation of  $\delta$  does not require any explicit coordination with DC link controls. So it does not require communications between the two controllers. Also delta across the link can be inferentially measured using locally measurable signals like phase difference across the series compensation. For example, delta across the link is given approximately by

$$\delta_{LINK} = \delta_C \frac{X_C}{X_{LINE} - X_C} \quad (2.9)$$

Here  $\delta_C$  is the phase difference across the total series compensation (which is locally measurable) and  $X_C$  is the value of total series compensation, which is equal to the sum of TCSC reactance and fixed compensation reactance.  $X_{LINE}$  is the total line reactance.

# Chapter 3

## System modelling and control design

The system taken here represents an area with large generation supplying power to a large power system. The generating area has been represented by a single generator and the receiving area is represented by an infinite bus. Embedded in the system is a parallel AC-DC link where the AC line is series compensated with TCSC and a fixed capacitor in series. At both ends of series compensation, the transmission line is compensated by shunt reactors which neutralizes the half line charging of the line. This improves the voltage profile of the line [20]. The DC link reactive compensation is provided by fixed capacitors and harmonic filters. Of the total compensation 40 % is provided by the fixed capacitor and rest is supplied by the harmonic filters.

The Figure 3.1 shows a single line diagram of the system.

### 3.1 Modelling of the system

The system is modelled on PSCAD (Power System Computer Aided Design). This package is a graphic user interface to the EMTDC (Electro-Magnetic Transient DC) program.

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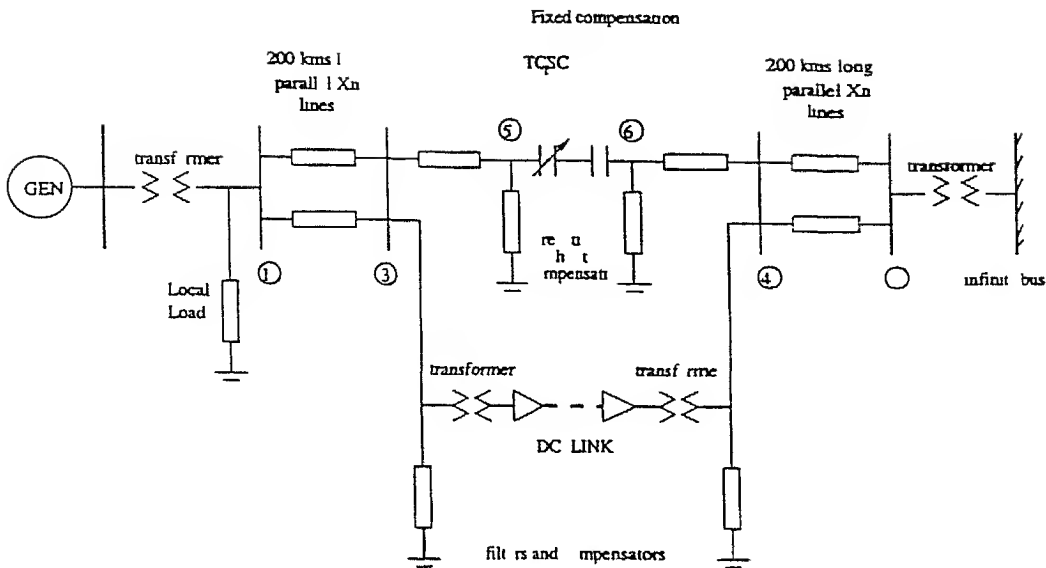


Figure 3.1 System taken for study

### 3.1.1 Why PSCAD?

The study done here is interested mainly in fundamental frequency behaviour of the system. The question that can be raised then is what is the need of using PSCAD which does full time domain simulation and is computationally very intensive? The fundamental frequency response of the system can be studied on available stability programs as well which are much less intensive computationally.

Primarily there are three reasons for using PSCAD

1. No exact model for TCSC is available. The fundamental frequency steady state impedance of TCSC is given by equation [2.1]. But TCSC takes a large time to achieve this steady state value. So in most of the studies done [15] TCSC has been modelled as a first order lag. But the EMTP (Electro-Magnetic Transient Program) studies done for TCSC installed in Kaventa shows that the TCSC response is actually a fourth order one. Further this response not only depends on the L-C values of the TCSC but depends on the rest of the system as well [19]. Because of this unpredictable response of TCSC PSCAD is used, which gives exact behaviour of TCSC.



- 2 Although the primary concern of this study is the fundamental frequency behaviour of the system TCSC and the HVDC converters injects harmonics which can interfere adversely with measurement blocks of TCSC controls which can not be ignored Proper filtering may be necessary

Such interference is found to exist with phase measurement Proper filtering is necessary for phase measurement which is the feedback signal for the control here

- 3 The firing circuit will not work properly for the duration of the fault and some time after that due to distortions in zero reference signal Without proper representation of firing circuit any fault study will not give proper results

## 3 2 Modelling of generator and electrical circuit

### 3 2 1 Generator

Generator is modelled by the machine model *SVC375* of PSCAD It is a seventh order model of the generator with three stator winding one field winding and two damper windings one each on d and q axis Saturation is neglected

### 3 2 2 Exciter

Exciter is modelled by exciter model *exc15* of PSCAD the block diagram for which is given in Figure 3 2

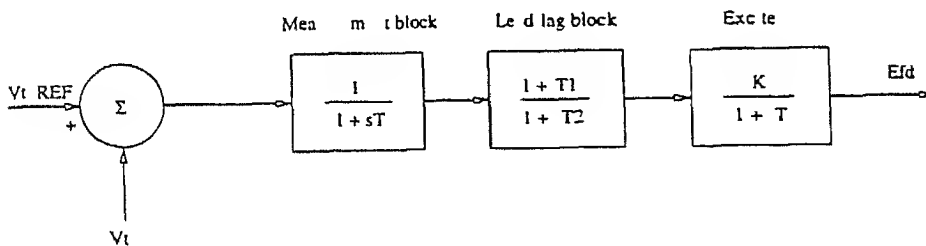


Figure 3 2 Exciter block diagram

### 3 2 3 Power system stabilizer(PSS)

PSS has been modelled as shown in the following block diagram

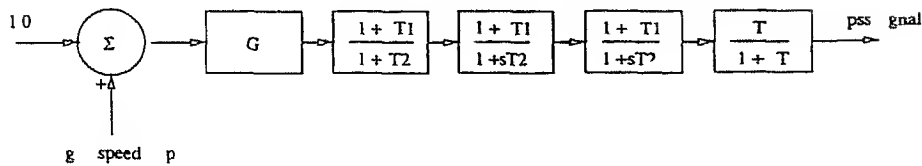


Figure 3 3 PSS block diagram

The mechanical system is not modelled and generator is supplied with fixed mechanical input which is acceptable for stability studies

### 3 2 4 Transmission line modelling

AC Transmission line is modelled by its pi equivalent DC Transmission line is modelled by its T equivalent

### 3 2 5 Load

Load is modelled as fixed impedance

### 3 2 6 Transformer

Transformers are modelled with both windings and their magnetising currents No load losses and saturation are neglected

### 3 2 7 DC Converters

DC converters are modelled by valve group *G6P200* of PSCAD It models the converter fully with its thyristors and snubber circuits

### 3 2 8 TCSC

TCSC is modelled with thyristors Thyristor used has inbuilt snubber circuit

### 3 3 Modelling of HVDC and TCSC controls

#### 3 3 1 HVDC controls

**Current controls** This is modelled by the generic current control block *POLPI5* of PSCAD. It is there at both rectifier and inverter. It models current margin and slope of current error characteristics as well at the inverter end. Its block diagram is given in Figure 3 4.

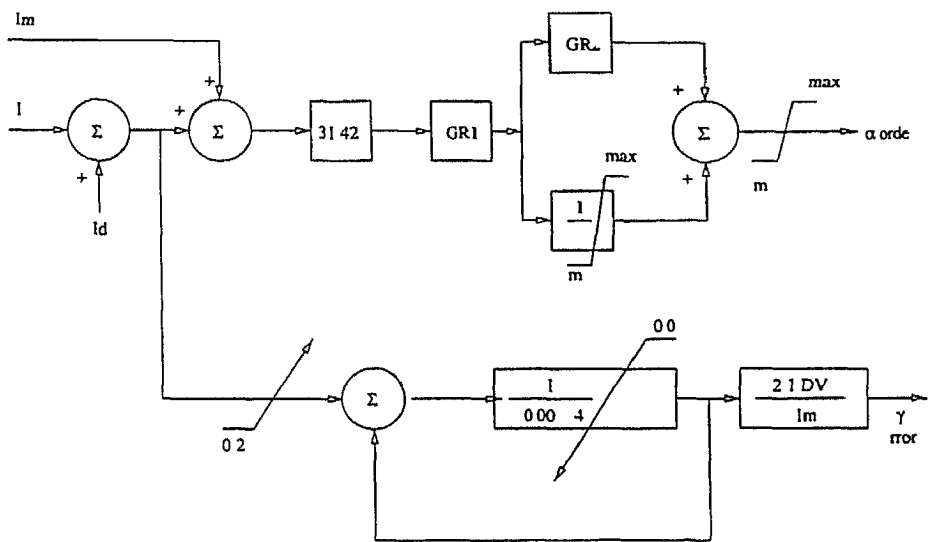


Figure 3 4 Current control

**Gamma control** It is modelled by the generic gamma control block *VG6P18* of PSCAD. Its simplified block diagram is given in Figure 3 5.

**VDCOL** This is modelled by voltage dependent current limit block available in PSCAD. Block diagram for this is shown in Figure 3 6.

Complete  $V_d - I_d$  characteristics of HVDC link with VDCOL is shown in Figure 3 7.

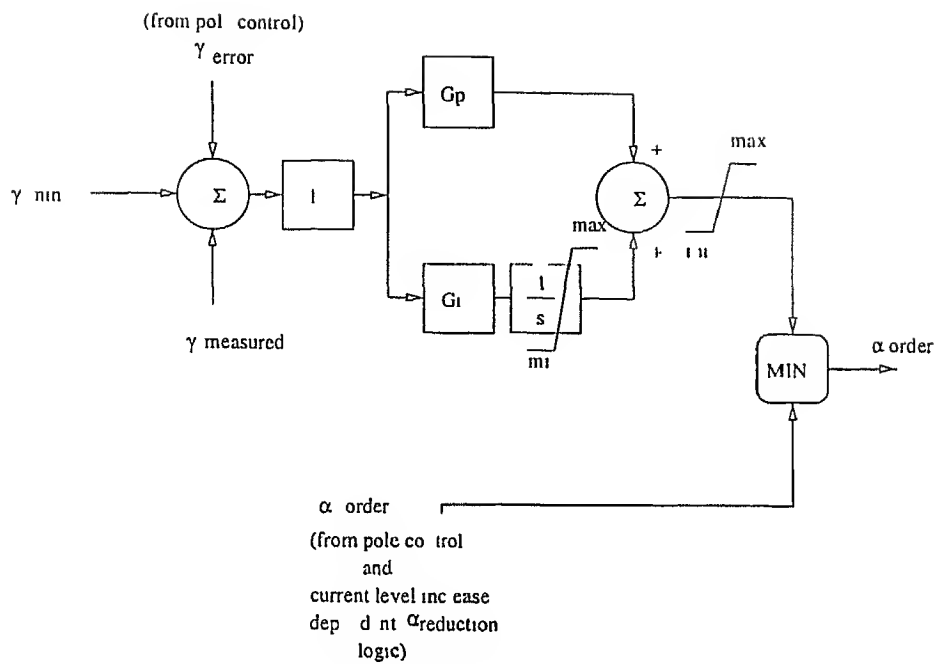


Figure 3 5 Gamma control

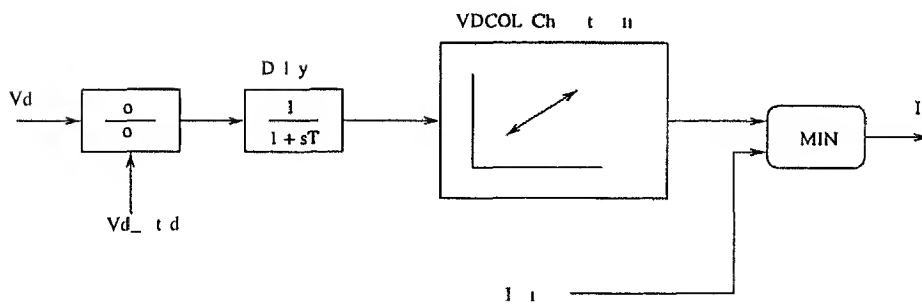


Figure 3 6 VDCOL block diagram

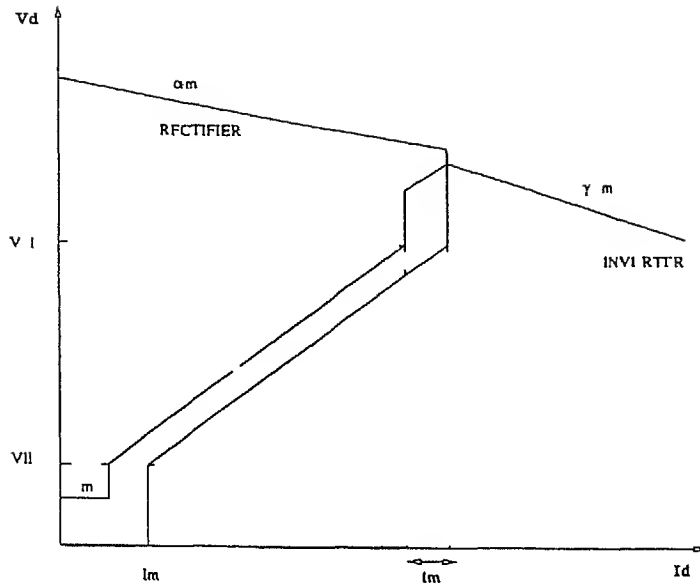


Figure 3.7 VDCOL characteristics

### 3.3.2 TCSC controls

**Firing control of TCSC** The firing of TCSC is synchronised with line current. The firing scheme used is IPC (individual phase control). The block diagram for firing circuit is shown in Figure 3.8. The part shown is for the firing of forward looking thyristor of one phase.

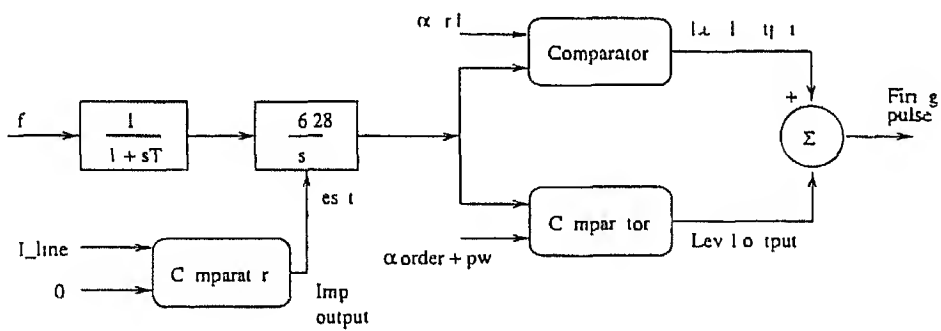


Figure 3.8 Firing circuit of TCSC

In the figure,  $f$  is the measured frequency and  $pw$  is the pulse width which is kept  $20^\circ$  here.

**Main control of TCSC** The main control of TCSC maintains the angle delta across the parallel AC DC link at a constant value. It uses a PI control. Its block diagram is shown in Figure 3.9.

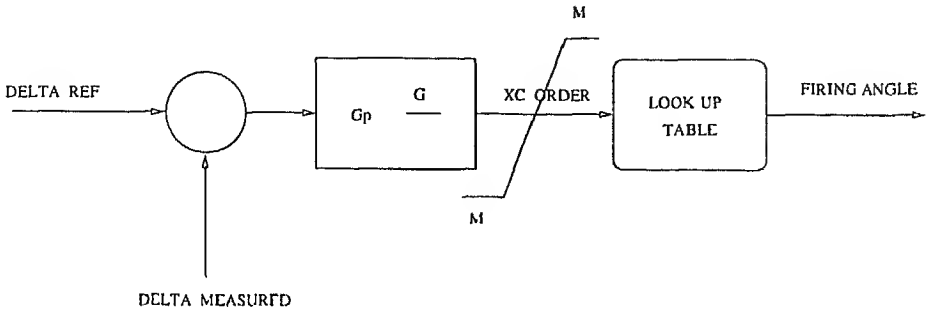


Figure 3.9 Main control of TCSC

A look up table is used to convert the  $\lambda_{corder}$  to the corresponding firing angle  $\alpha$ . There is no absolute necessity for a look up table and the controller output can be directly firing angle  $\alpha$  as well instead of  $\lambda_{corder}$  (For this the sign of  $\delta_{REF}$  and  $\delta$  needs to be reversed, since the relation between  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda_c$  is inverse). But since the relationship between  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda_c$  is highly non linear, specially as  $\lambda_c$  increases, the nature of control action will be highly dependent on the operating point without the use of a look up table and satisfactory control action may not be obtained. That is why the look up table approach has been used here.

### 3.4 Choice of control parameters

#### 3.4.1 HVDC controls

PSCAD manual suggests a particular range of values for the values of control parameters of current and gamma control. For current control the suggested range of values are 3.0 – 6.0 deg/amp sec for integral gain ( $G_{R1}$  in fig 3.4) and 0.01 – 0.02 p.u. for proportional gain ( $G_{R2}$  in fig 3.4). For gamma control the suggested range of values are 10.0 – 20.0  $sec^{-1}$  for integral gain ( $G_I$  in fig 3.5) and 0.1 – 2.0 p.u. for proportional gain ( $G_P$  in fig 3.5). The other two parameters in gamma control are incremental current level  $C_r$  (the level which if exceeded by incremental change in

$I_{dc}$  will cause  $\gamma_{min}$  to increase) and current fade out time constant (for measuring change in DC current) Suggested range of values for these are 0.1 - 0.7 p.u. and 0.01 - 0.05 seconds respectively

With the simulation following values gave the satisfactory results

- 1  $G_{R1}$  - 3.0 deg/amp sec
- 2  $G_{R2}$  - 0.01 p.u.
- 3  $G_I$  - 10.0  $\text{sec}^{-1}$
- 4  $G_P$  - 0.1 p.u.
- 5  $C_F$  - 0.4 p.u.
- 6  $T_F$  - 0.02 sec

Apart from these values other control parameters taken are 0.2618 radians ( $15^\circ$ ) for  $\gamma_{min}$ , 0.1 p.u. for current margin and 0.1 p.u. for the slope of current error characteristics

### 3.4.2 TCSC controls

Suitable values of TCSC control parameters (integral and proportional gain) are found by *multiple run* facility of PSCAD. Through this the value of a specified quantity can be minimised with the variation of a maximum of two parameters. For designing TCSC control the value of RMS error of the controller is minimised with variation of integral and proportional gain of the controller.

The optimum values found are as follows

- $G_i = 30.0$ ,  $G_p = 0.0$  for  $+2^\circ$  step change in  $\delta_{REF}$
- $G_i = 100.0$ ,  $G_p = 10.0$  for  $-2^\circ$  step change in  $\delta_{REF}$
- $G_i = 80.0$ ,  $G_p = 0.0$  for  $-100$  MW step change in  $P_{dcREF}$
- $G_i = 40.0$ ,  $G_p = 2.0$  for  $+100$  MW step change in  $P_{dcREF}$

Based on these the values chosen are 50.0 for the integral gain and 5.0 for the proportional gain. These values give satisfactory performance for the complete range of operating points. These values are actual values not the per unit values.

## 3.5 Filtering requirements for TCSC controls

### 3.5.1 Firing control

The firing control uses line current as the reference signal for firing. As the harmonic content of line current is very low (of the order of about 1%) no filters are used in the firing circuit.

### 3.5.2 Measurements

For this control strategy used here, the phase difference  $\delta$  across the parallel AC-DC link needs to be measured either directly or inferentially. The value of measured  $\delta$  is found to contain a continuous chattering due to presence of harmonics in the system due to both HVDC and TCSC. The controls react to this chattering which is undesired. So a second order bandpass filter tuned to 50 Hz is connected in the voltage measurement circuit before these voltages are passed on to the phase measurement device. At the output of the delta measurement device an averaging device with a time constant of 0.02 seconds is placed to eliminate any remaining chattering. The filtering arrangement is shown in Figure 3.10.



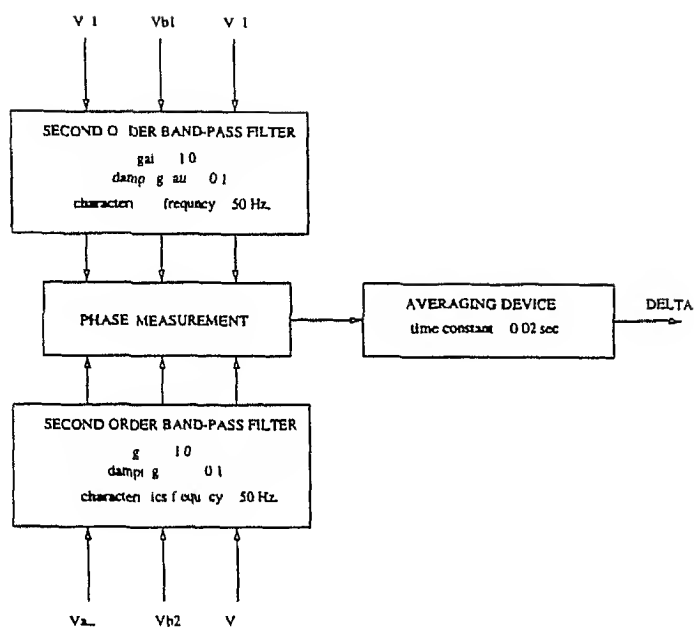


Figure 3 10 Filtering arrangements for delta measurement

# Chapter 4

## Simulation Studies

In Chapter 2 the control strategies for the variable series compensated line operating in parallel with HVDC link have been discussed. The TCSC controller based on the strategy proposed is designed in Chapter 3. Here to quantitatively investigate the performance of the controller the system is subjected to a wide range of disturbances (e.g. faults and reference value changes of the controllers) and system performance is studied.

### 4.1 Non-applicability of power control simulation studies

Before evaluating the performance of the control strategy suggested here, the points made in Chapter 2 about the non-applicability of other control strategies is shown through simulations. These control strategies are

1. Both AC and DC lines with individual unco-ordinated power control
2. Both AC and DC lines with co-ordinated power controls where a master controller assigns the power references to the individual controllers in such a way that the total power flowing over the corridor is constant

### 4 1 1 Unco-ordinated power controllers on both lines

In the steady state both lines are maintaining power at their reference value. At  $t = 1$  sec, a 100 MW step increase is given to DC power reference. The DC link being much faster in response compared to TCSC achieves this power level in a relatively shorter time. But the total mechanical power input to the generator is constant so a corresponding decrease occurs in the AC line. The power controller of the TCSC tries to bring the power back to its earlier level by increasing  $X_{crd}$  and in the process ultimately hits its upper limit.

The response is shown in Figure 4.1. The x axis represents time in seconds.

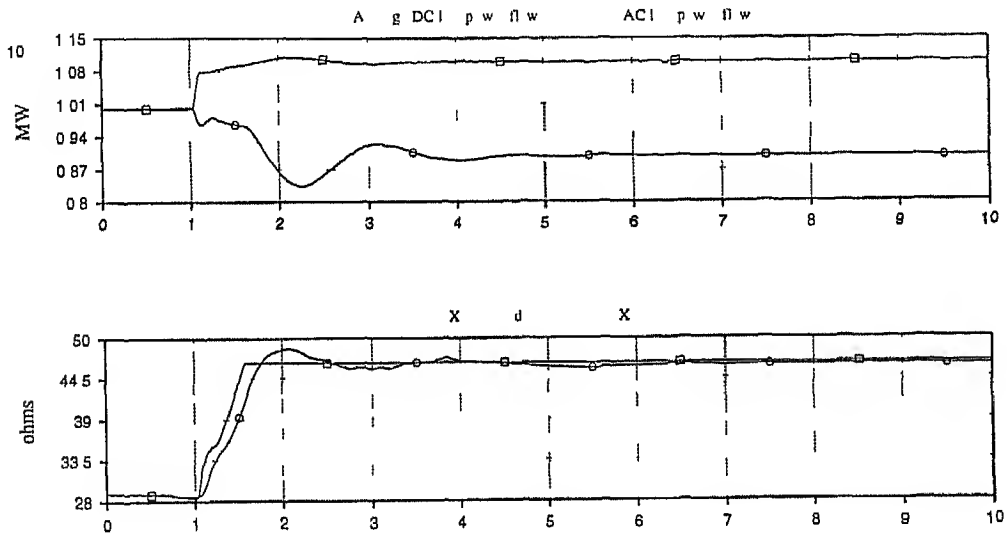


Figure 4.1 System response with both lines trying to control power without co ordination

### 4 1 2 Co-ordinated power controllers on both lines

As discussed in Chapter 2, this approach also does not work. At  $t = 1$  sec, DC power reference is changed from 1000 MW to 900 MW. Correspondingly, master control decides the power reference for the TCSC power control to 1100 MW. But this operating point is not possible. As shown in the Figure 4.2, AC line power flow is always slightly less than 1100 MW. The power controller reacts to this by increasing

$X_{Corder}$  of the TCSC ultimately hitting its upper limit In the figure the x-axis

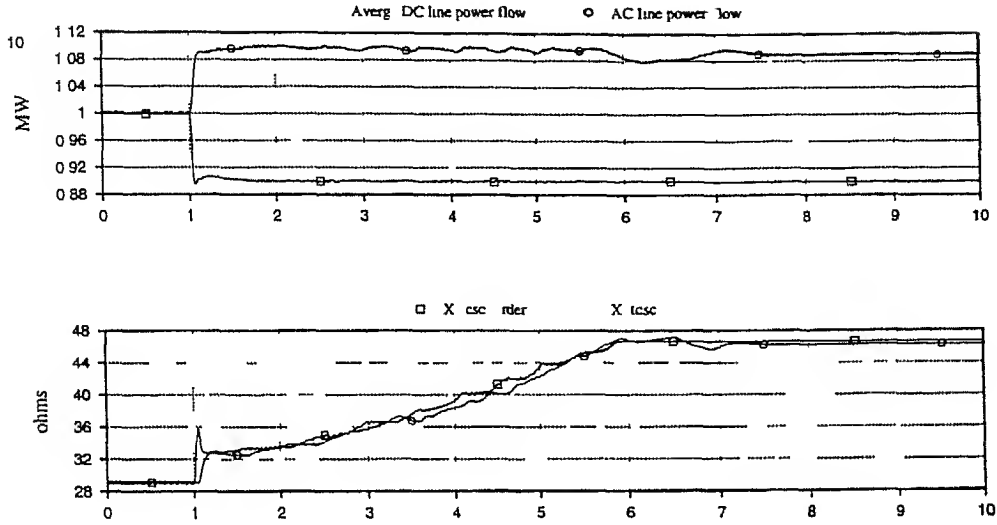


Figure 4.2 System response with both lines trying to control power with co-ordination

represents time in seconds

## 4.2 Simulations with the proposed control strategy

The control strategy proposed in this thesis uses TCSC as delta regulator i.e. it keeps the phase angle delta across the parallel AC DC link constant at a given value. Exhaustive simulations are done here to evaluate the performance of the delta regulator.

The system response is seen for the following disturbances

- three phase solid fault at the generator bus
- three phase solid fault at the transformer before infinite bus
- three phase solid fault at the inverter bus

- three phase solid fault at the rectifier bus
- single line to ground fault at the inverter bus
- single line to ground fault at the rectifier bus
- dc line fault
- three phase solid faults at the both ends of TCSC
- local load rejection at the generating area
- step changes in  $P_{dc_{REF}}$  of the DC link power controller
- step changes in  $\delta_{REF}$  of the delta regulator
- step changes in mechanical power input of the generator

For important cases the system response is compared with the response of the system with only fixed series compensation

**NOTE** *For the simulations done here the following convention has been used*

- *The  $x$  axis represents time in seconds for all the curves*
- *The disturbances are initiated at  $t = 1$  seconds unless otherwise stated*
- *Fault duration is 5 cycles for all the cases*

### 4.3 Three phase solid fault at the generator bus

The response of the system with delta regulator for this fault is given in Figure 4.3. As seen from the curves, the delta reaches a maximum value of around  $50^\circ$  and then settles back to its reference value. System response is well damped. The system response without the delta regulator is shown in Figure 4.4. Here delta reaches a maximum value of  $60^\circ$ . So the delta regulator improves the transient stability margin for the system. But as can be seen response is somewhat less damped with delta regulator compared to the case of fixed series compensation.

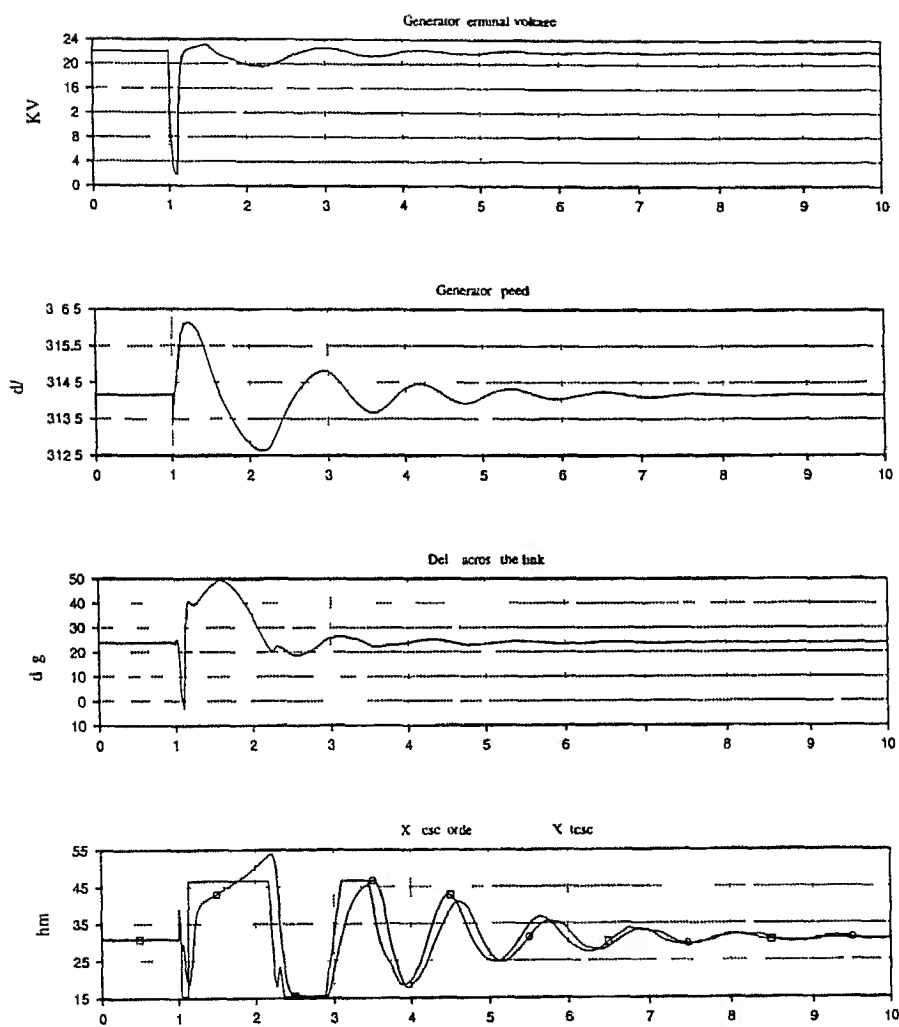


Figure 4 3 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase solid fault at generator bus

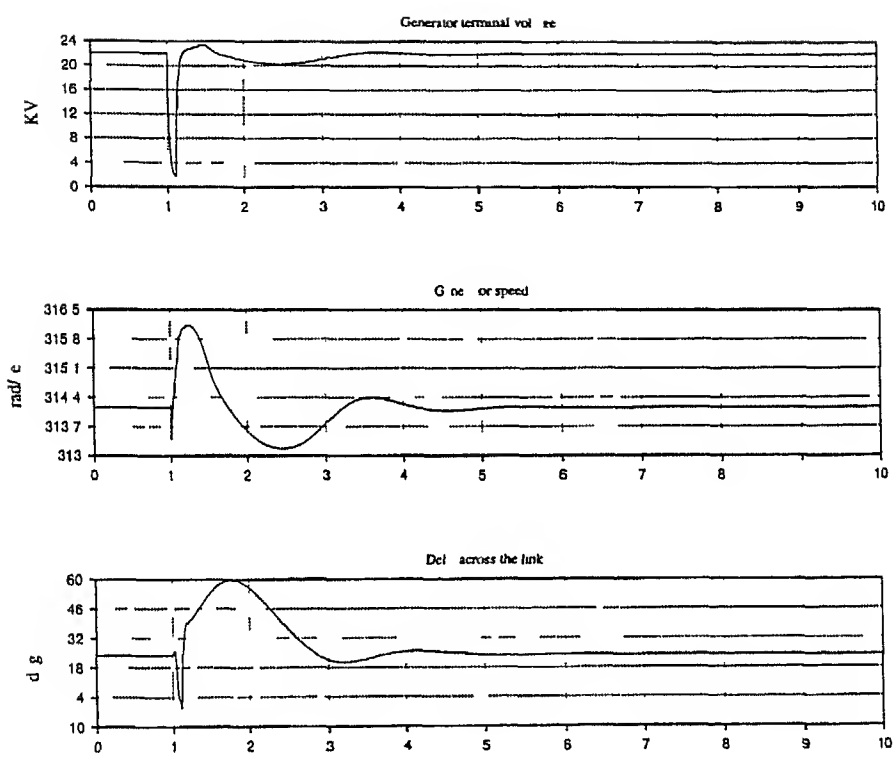


Figure 4.4 System response with fixed series compensation for 3 phase solid fault at generator bus

## 4.4 Three phase solid fault at the transformer before infinite bus

The response of the system with delta regulator for this fault is given in Figure 4.5

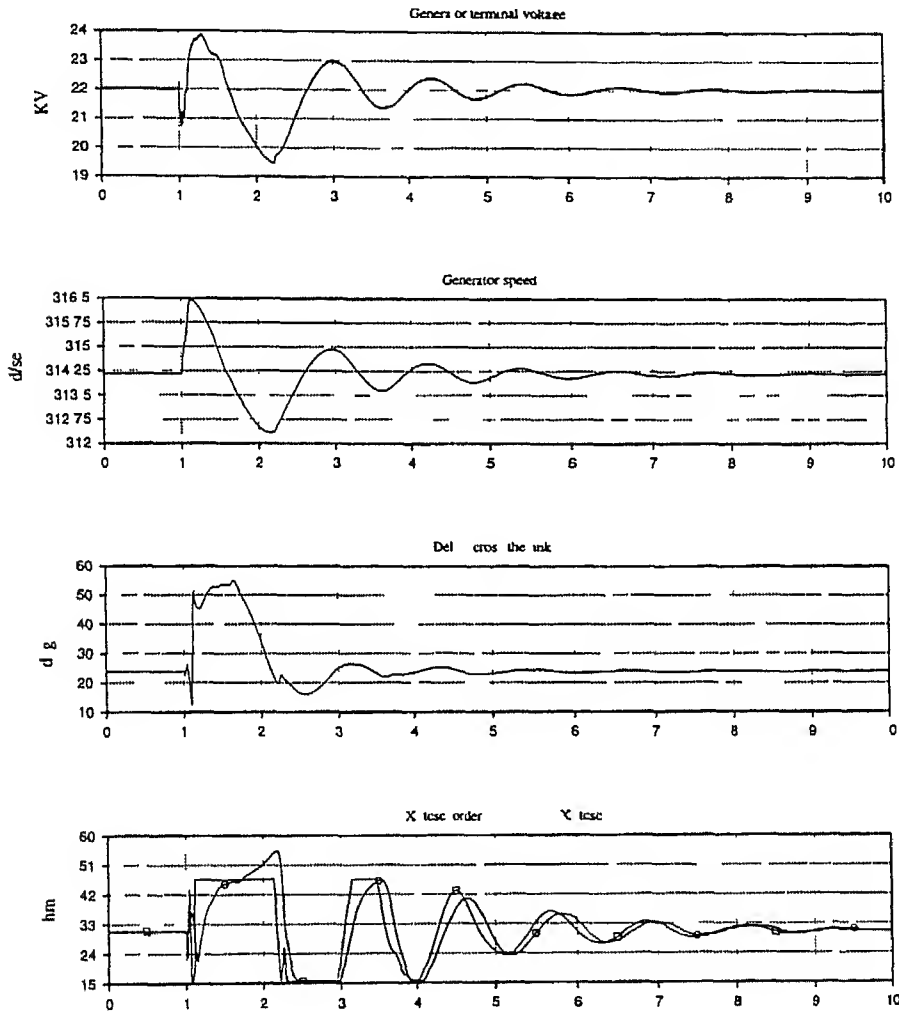


Figure 4.5 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase solid fault at the transformer before infinite bus

For this case, the delta reach a maximum value of around 54° and then come down fastly. After some oscillations, it than settles at its reference value. System response



is well damped. The system response with just fixed capacitive compensation is shown in Figure 4.6. Here the delta reaches a maximum value of around  $72^\circ$  and returns to its reference value after more time lag.

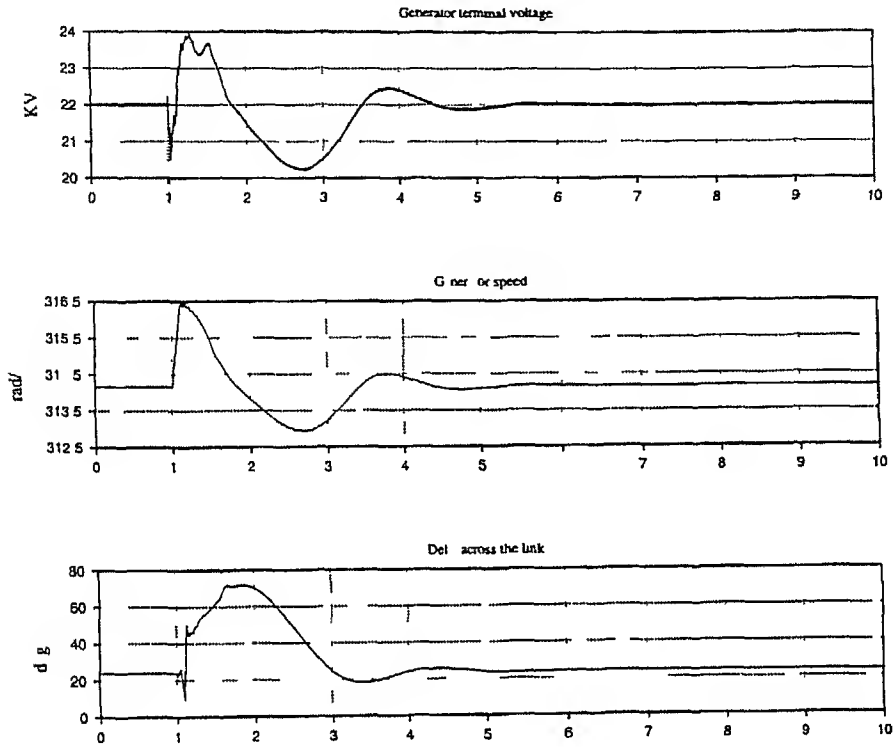


Figure 4.6 System response with fixed series compensation for 3-phase solid fault at the transformer before infinite bus

## 4.5 Three phase solid fault at the inverter bus

The response of the system with delta regulator for this fault is shown in Figures 4.7-4.9. Compared to the system with fixed series compensation (Figures 4.10-4.11) stability margin improves by as much as  $20^\circ$ .

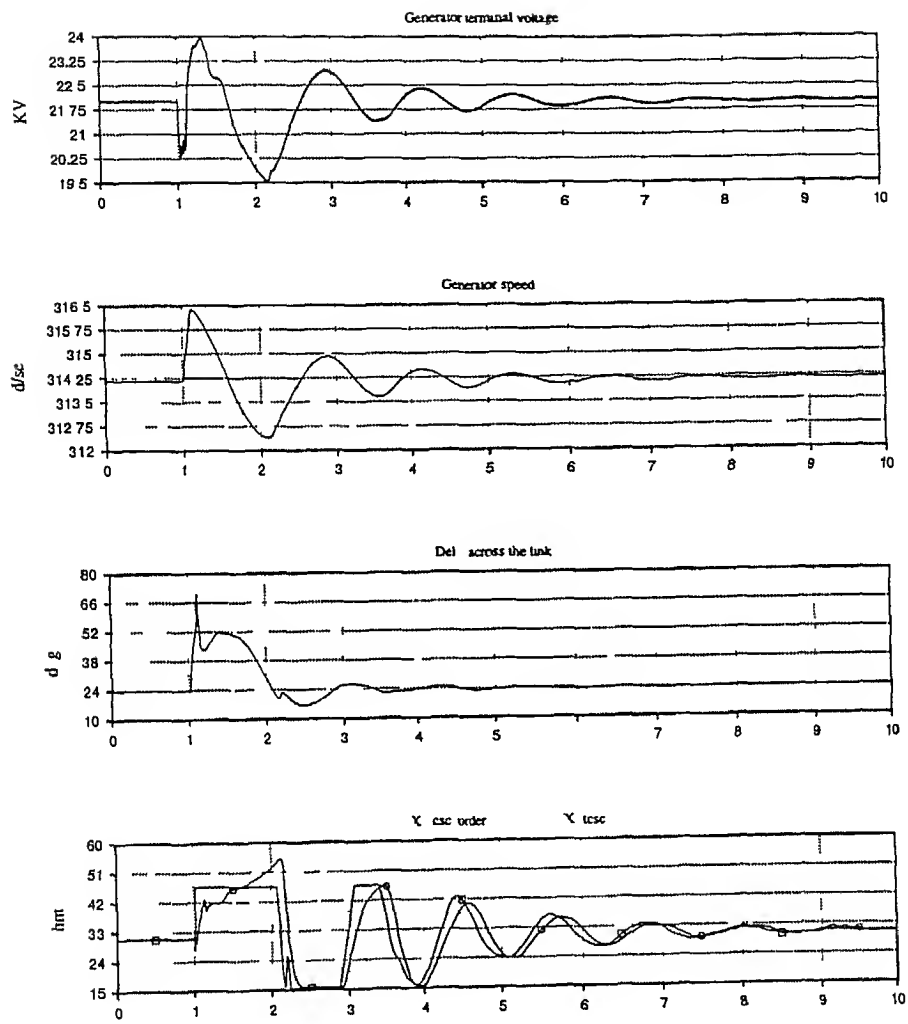


Figure 4.7 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase solid fault at inverter bus I

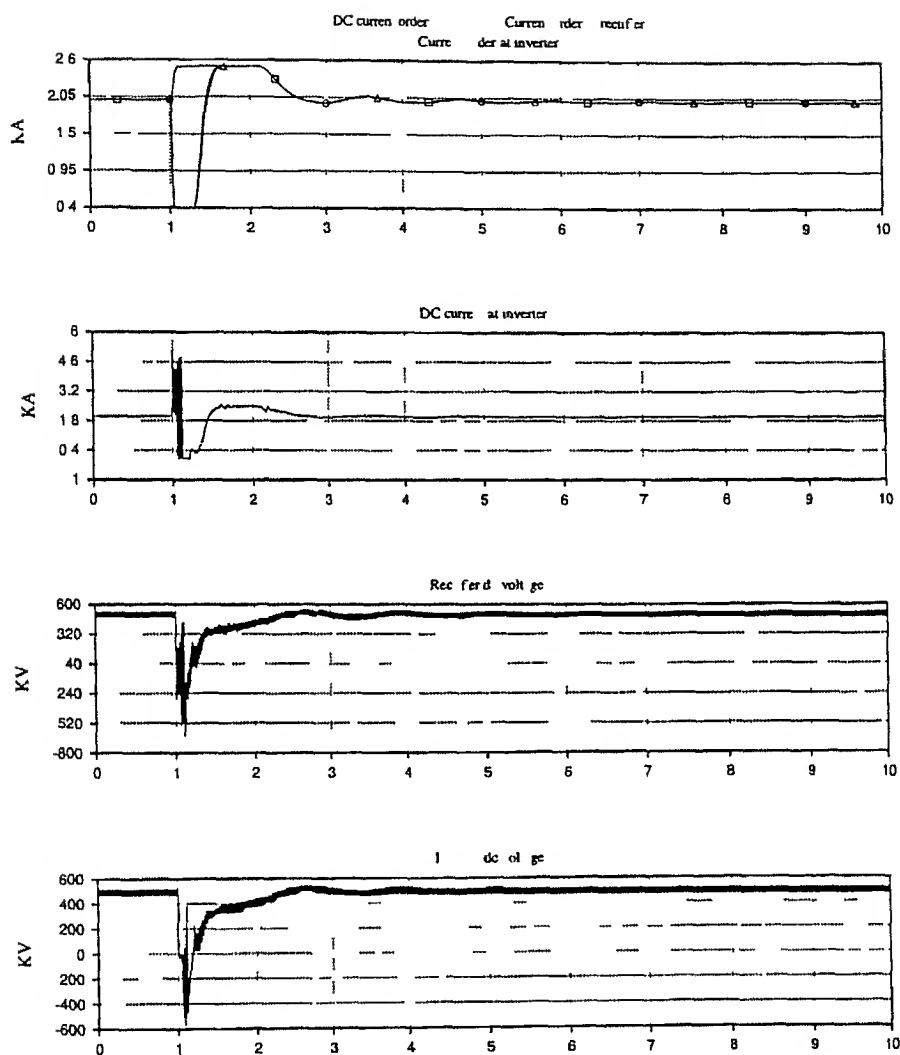


Figure 4.8 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3-phase solid fault at inverter bus II

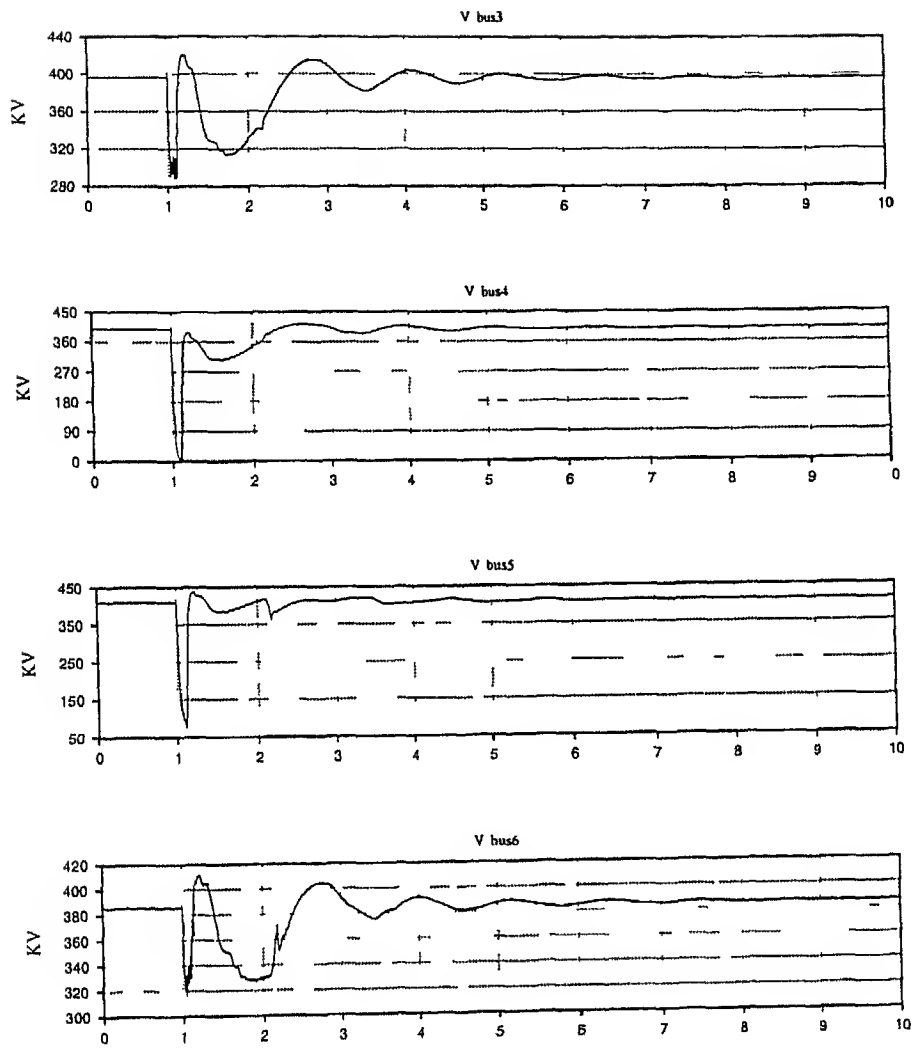


Figure 4 9 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase solid fault at inverter bus III

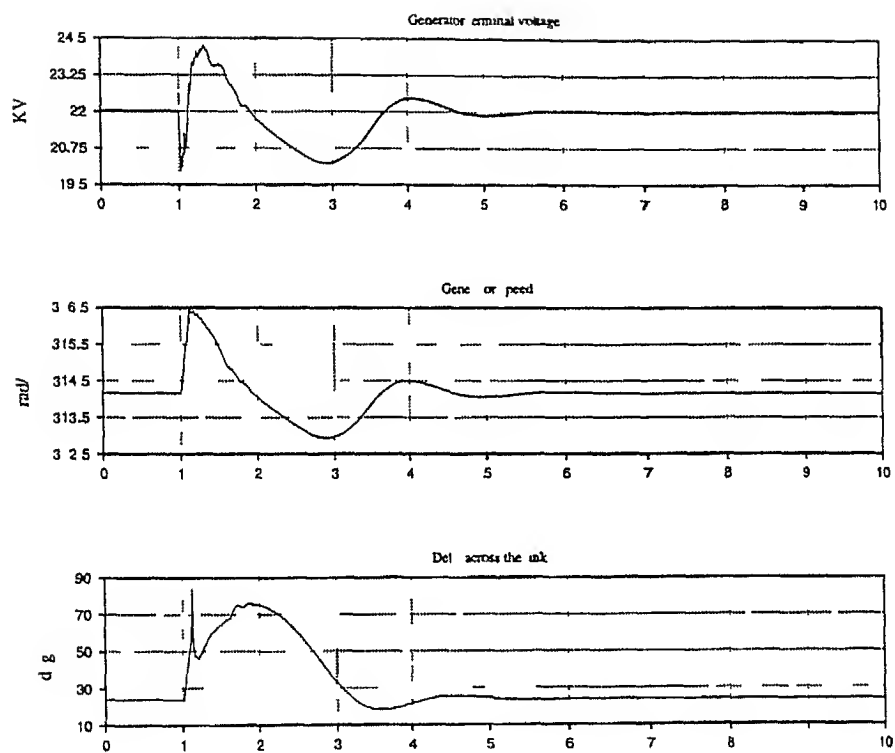


Figure 4 10 System response with fixed series compensation for 3-phase solid fault at inverter bus  
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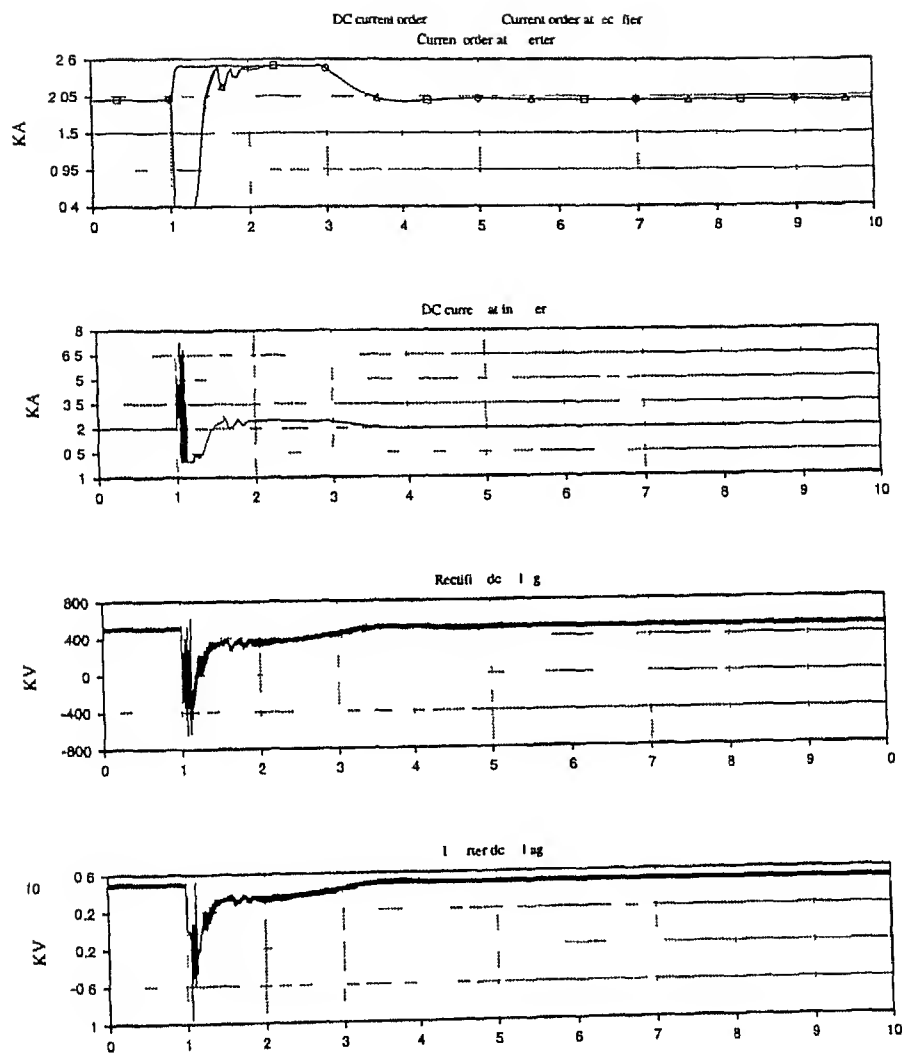


Figure 4.11 System response with fixed series compensation for 3 phase solid fault at inverter bus II

## 4 6 Three phase solid fault at the rectifier bus

The response of the system with delta regulator for this fault is given in Figures 4 12-4 14 For the same fault the system loses stability in case of fixed series

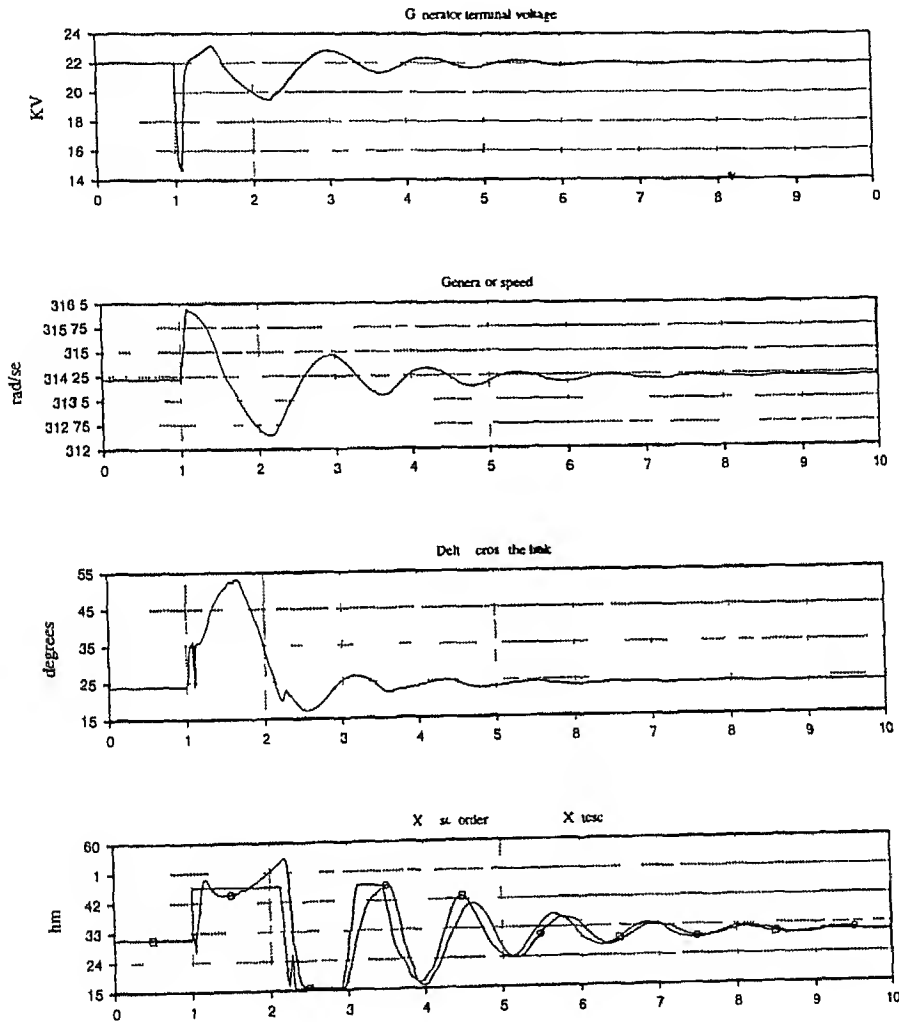


Figure 4 12 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase solid fault at rectifier bus I compensation (Figures 4 15 4 16) while the delta regulator limits the maximum excursion of delta to around  $54^{\circ}$

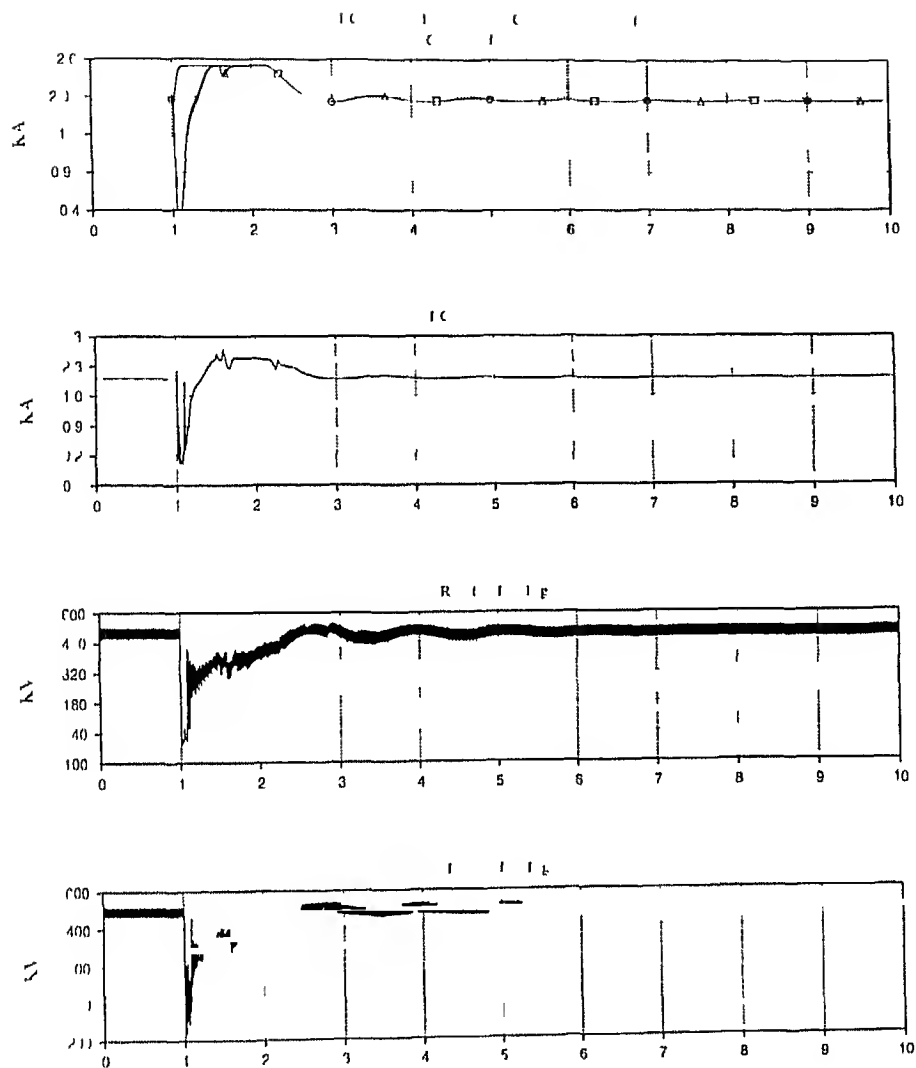


Figure 4.13 System response with ICSC delta regulator for 3 phase solid fault at rectifier bus II



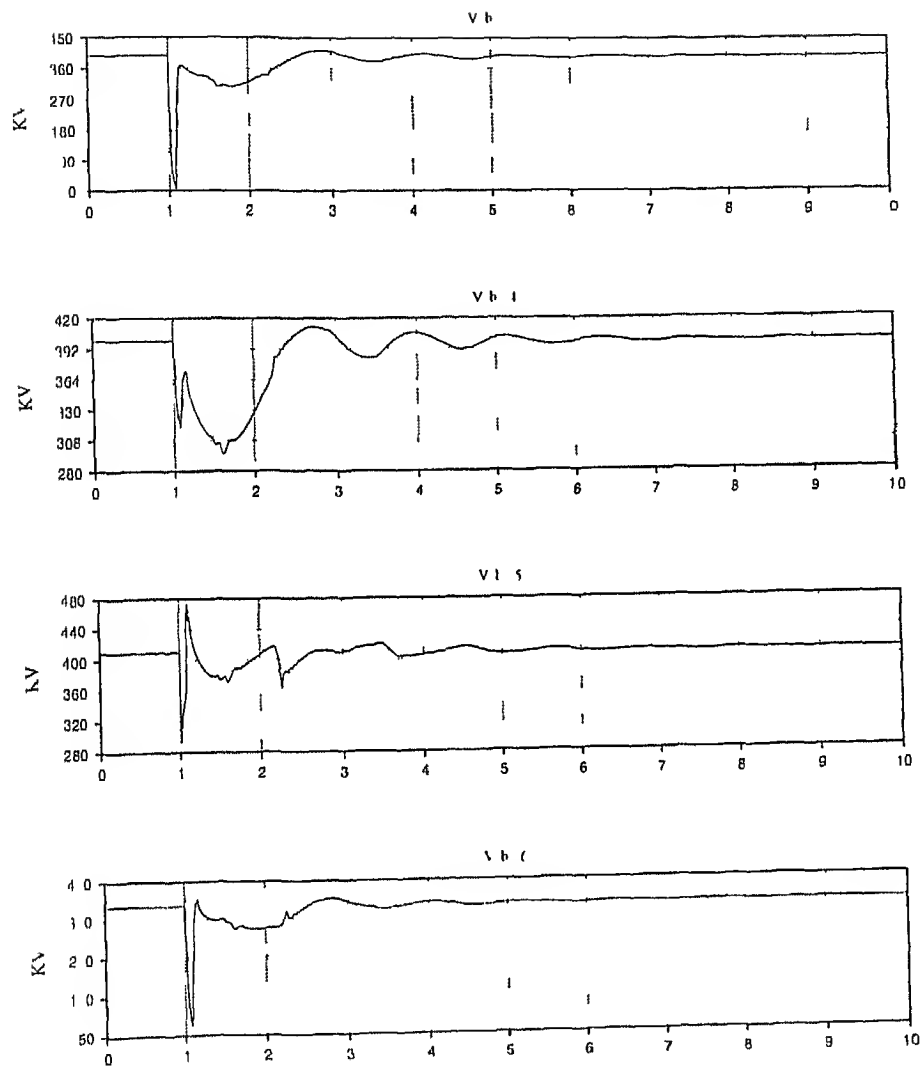


Figure 111 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase solid fault at rectifier bus III

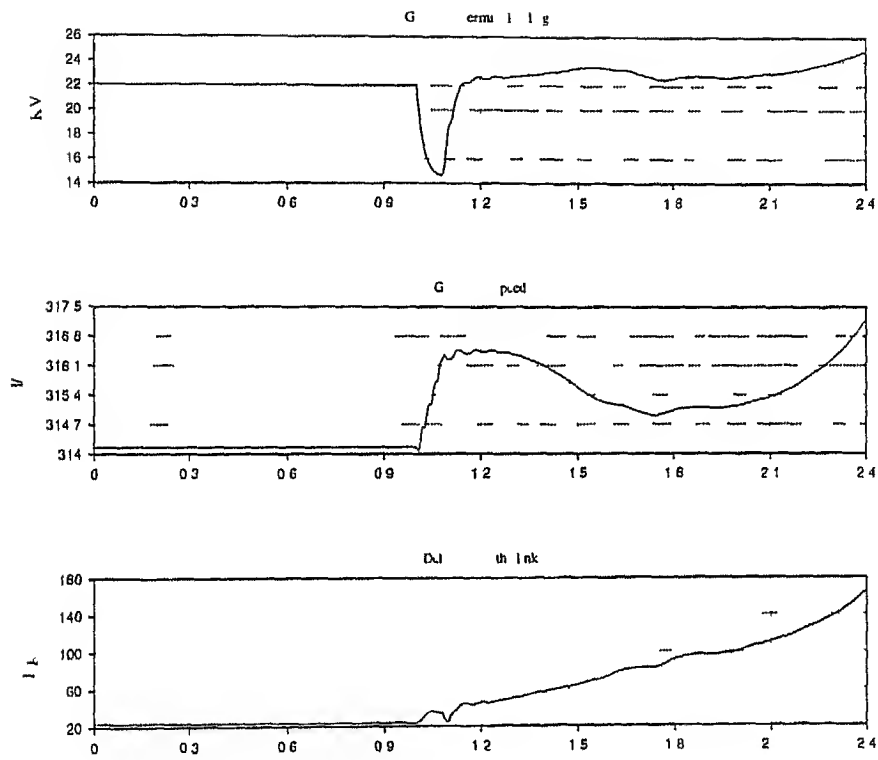


Figure 11) System response with fixed series compensation for 3 phase solid fault at rectifier bus  
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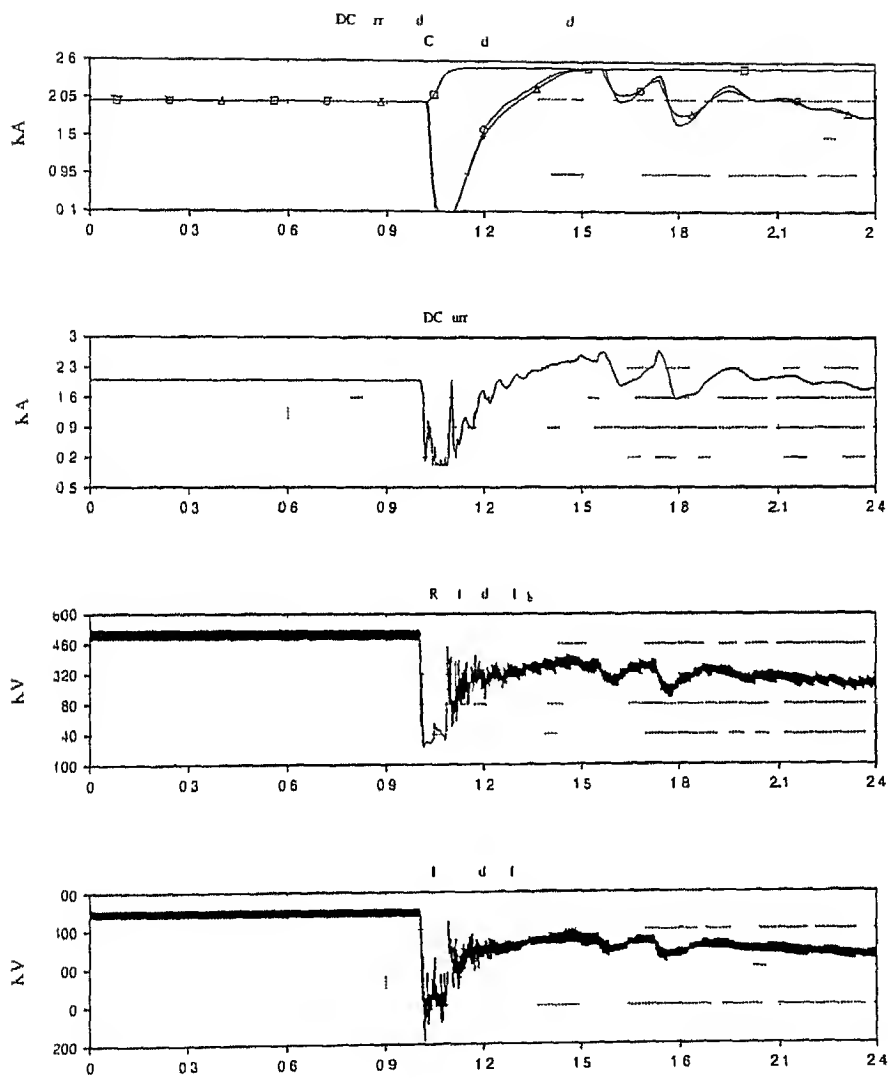


Figure 4.16 System response with fixed series compensation for 3 phase solid fault at rectifier bus II

## 4.7 Single line to ground fault at the inverter bus

The response of the system with delta regulator for this fault is given in Figures 4.17 & 4.18. As far as the maximum excursion of delta is concerned, response with

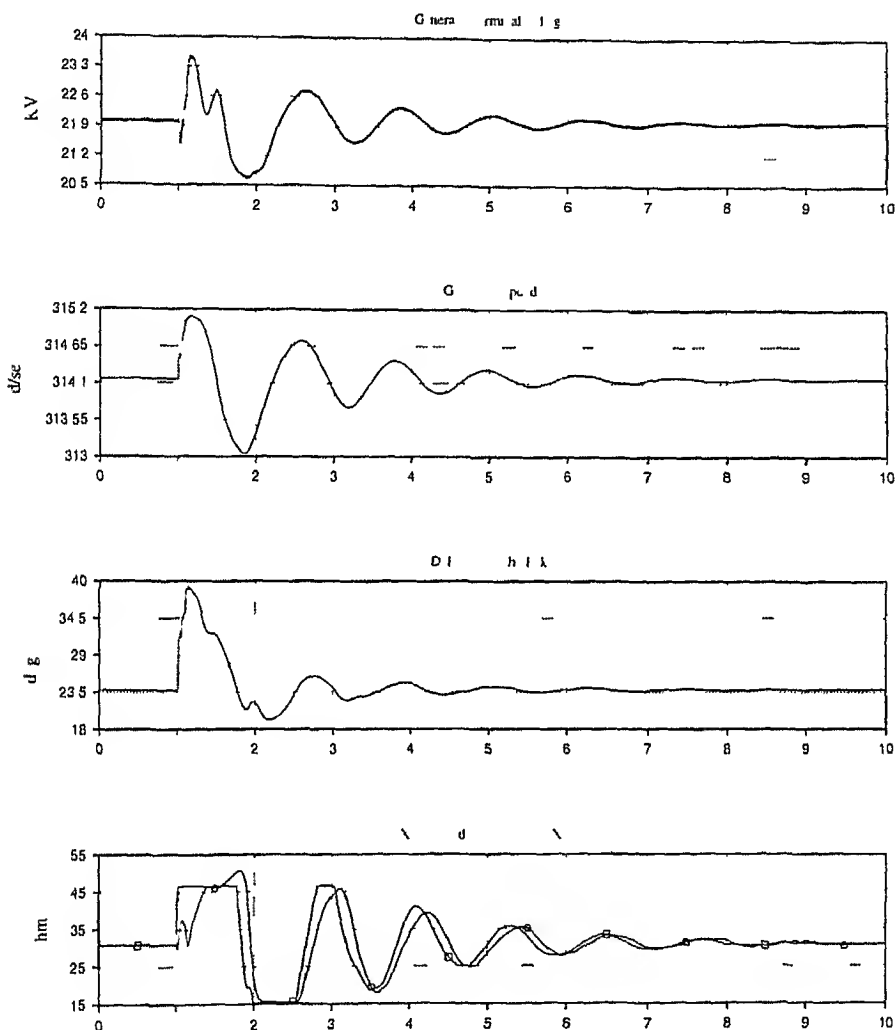


Figure 4.17 System response with TCSC delta regulator for single line to ground fault at inverter bus I

delta regulator is not much different from that for fixed series compensation (Figures 4.19 & 4.20). But with delta regulator, the value of delta comes down faster

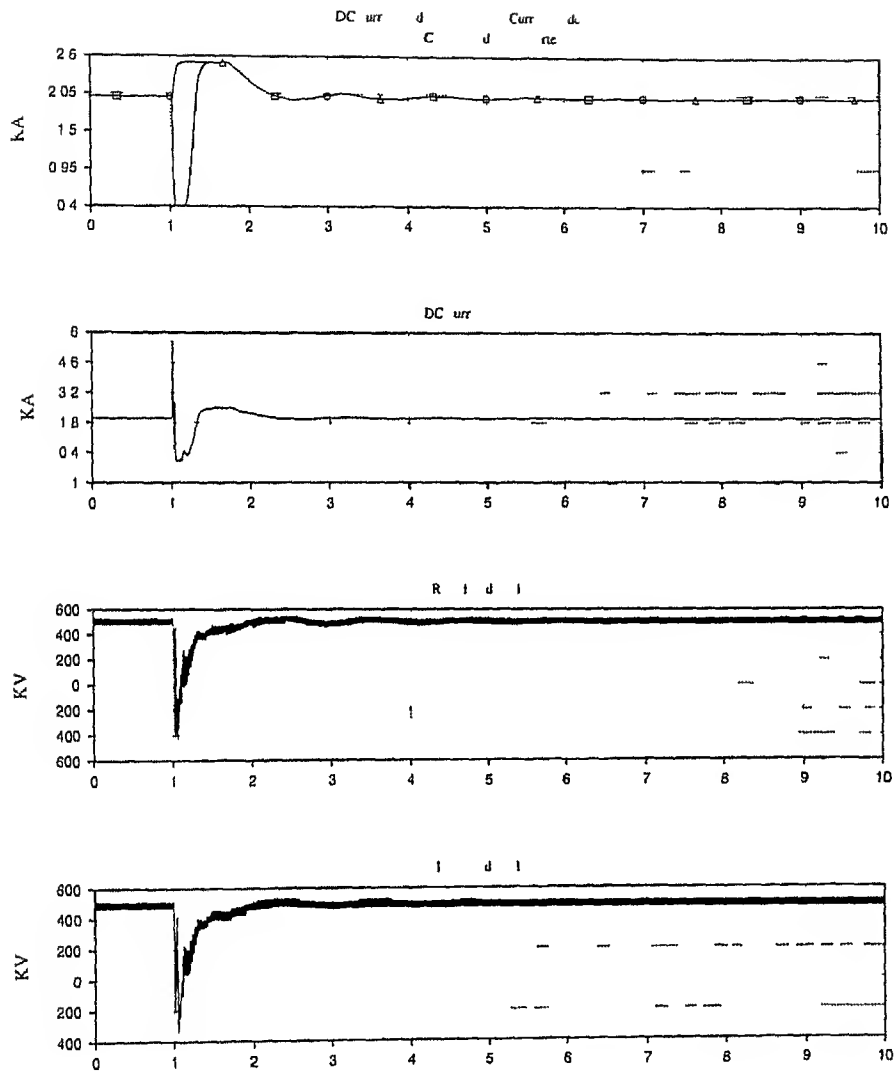


FIGURE 4.18 System response with TCSC delta regulator for single line to ground fault at inverter bus II

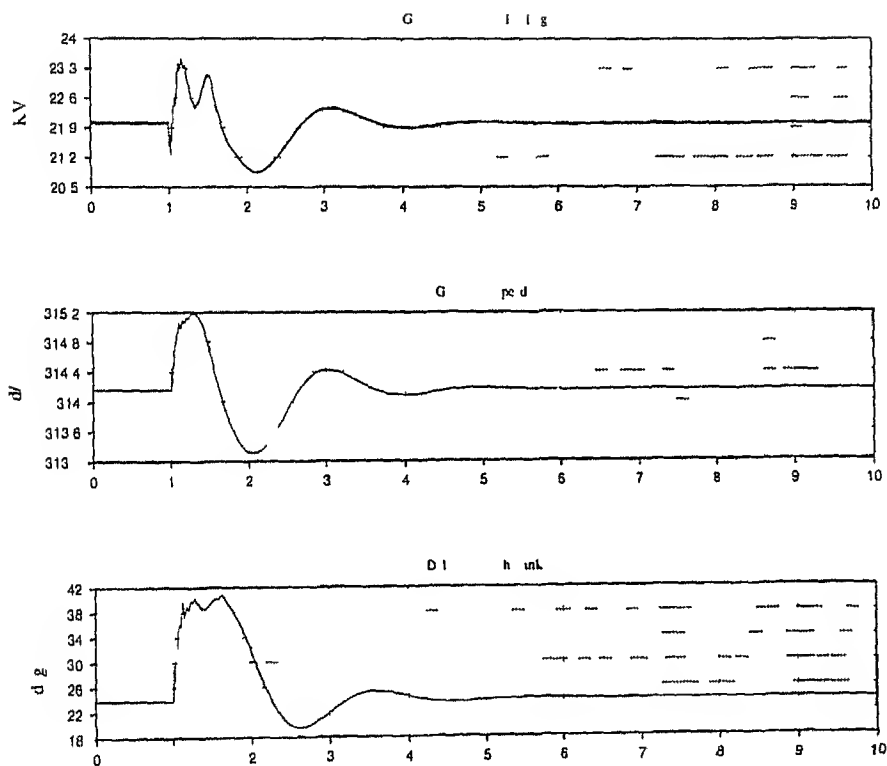


Figure 4.19 System response with fixed series compensation for single line to ground fault at inverter bus I

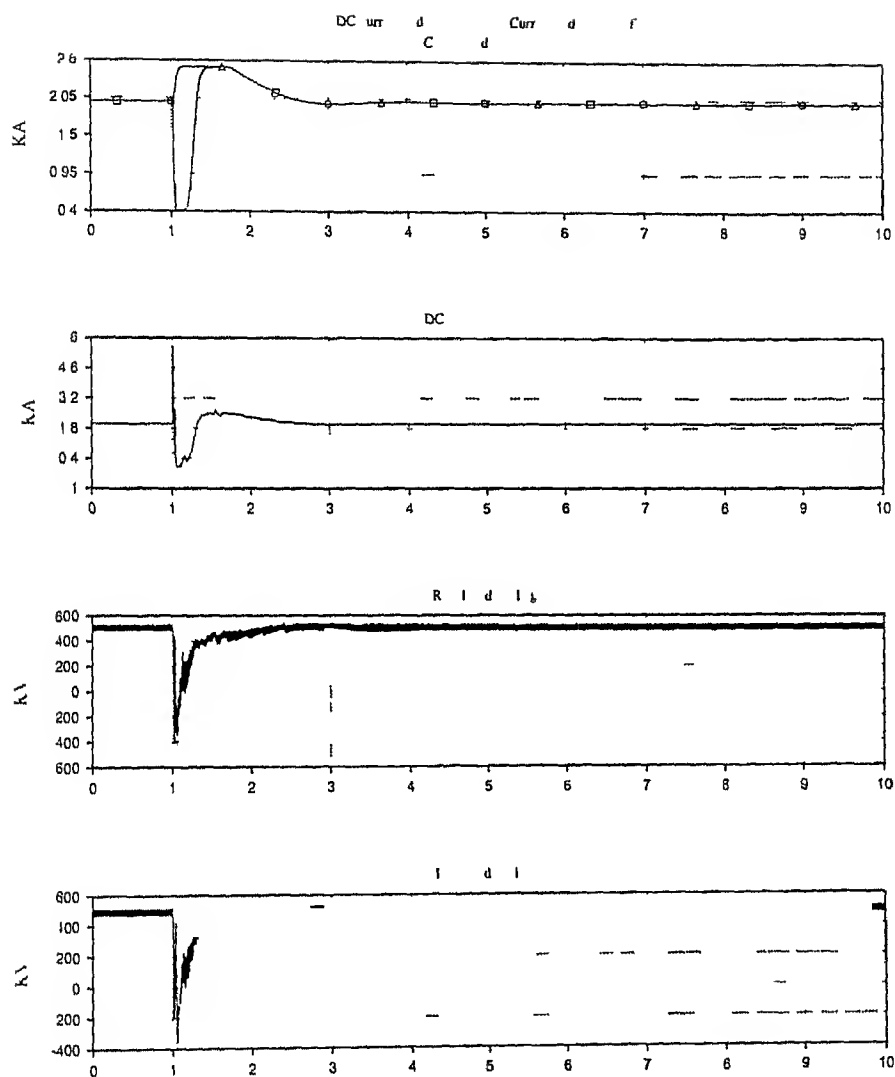


FIGURE 4.20 System response with fixed series compensation for single line to ground fault at inverter bus II

## 4.8 Single line to ground fault at the rectifier bus

The response of the system with delta regulator for this fault is given in Figures 4.21-4.22. For this fault there is no improvement over the case of fixed series

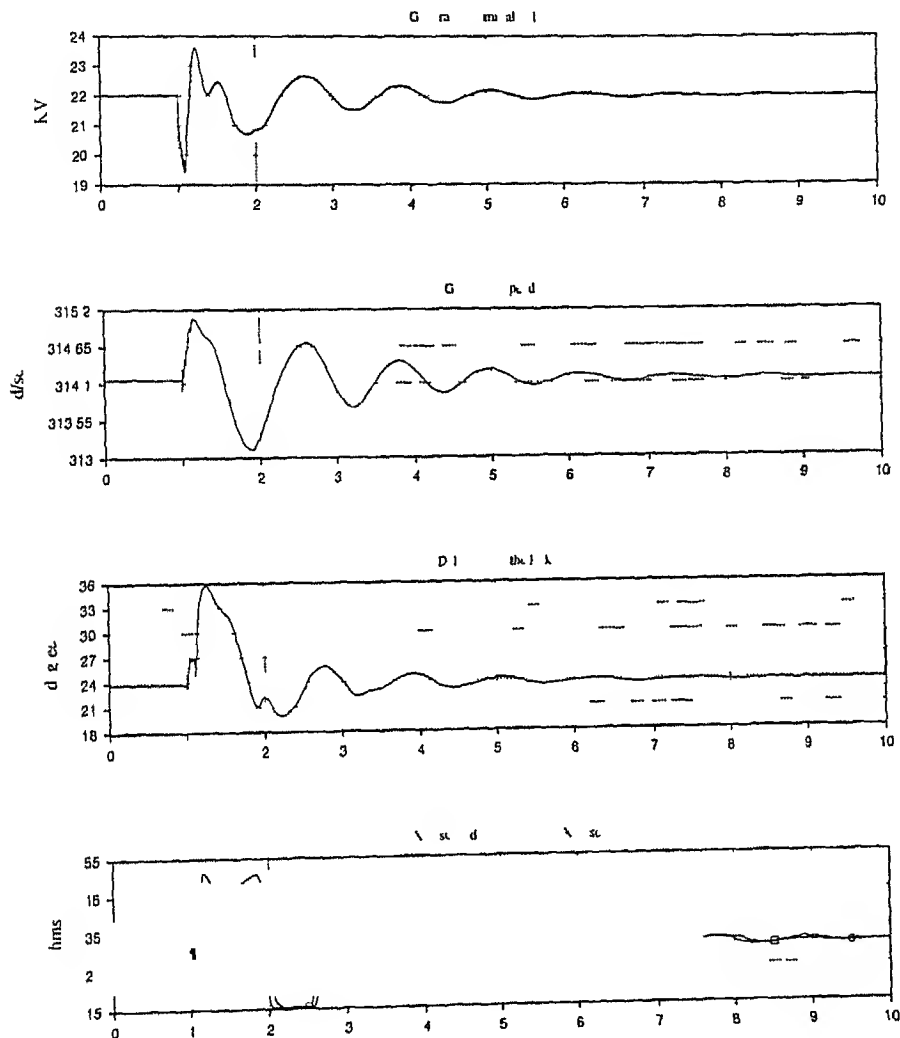


Figure 4.21 System response with TCSC delta regulator for single line to ground fault at rectifier bus I

compensation. The value of delta excursion is somewhat more with the delta regulator, although delta value returns faster to its reference value.

The control strategy used here basically assumes balanced conditions, since the



feedback angle delta is the average value of individual angles for the three phases. But it is to be noted that the control works satisfactorily even for the unbalanced cases giving a slight improvement compared to the case of fixed series compensation (Figures 4.23 & 24)

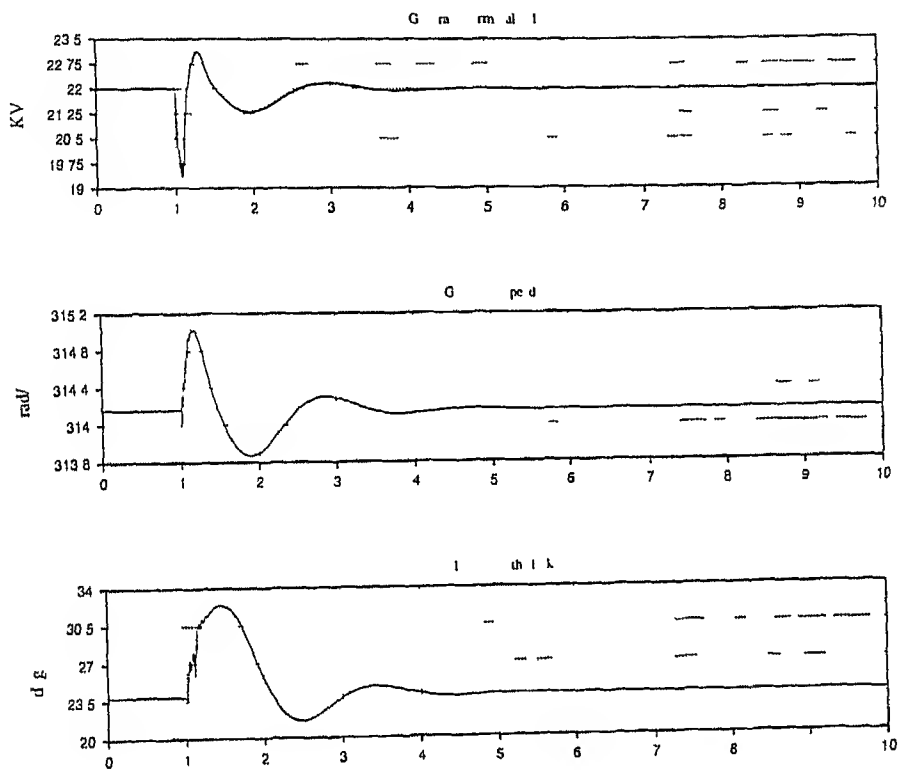


Figure 4.23 System response with fixed series compensation for single line to ground fault at rectifier bus I

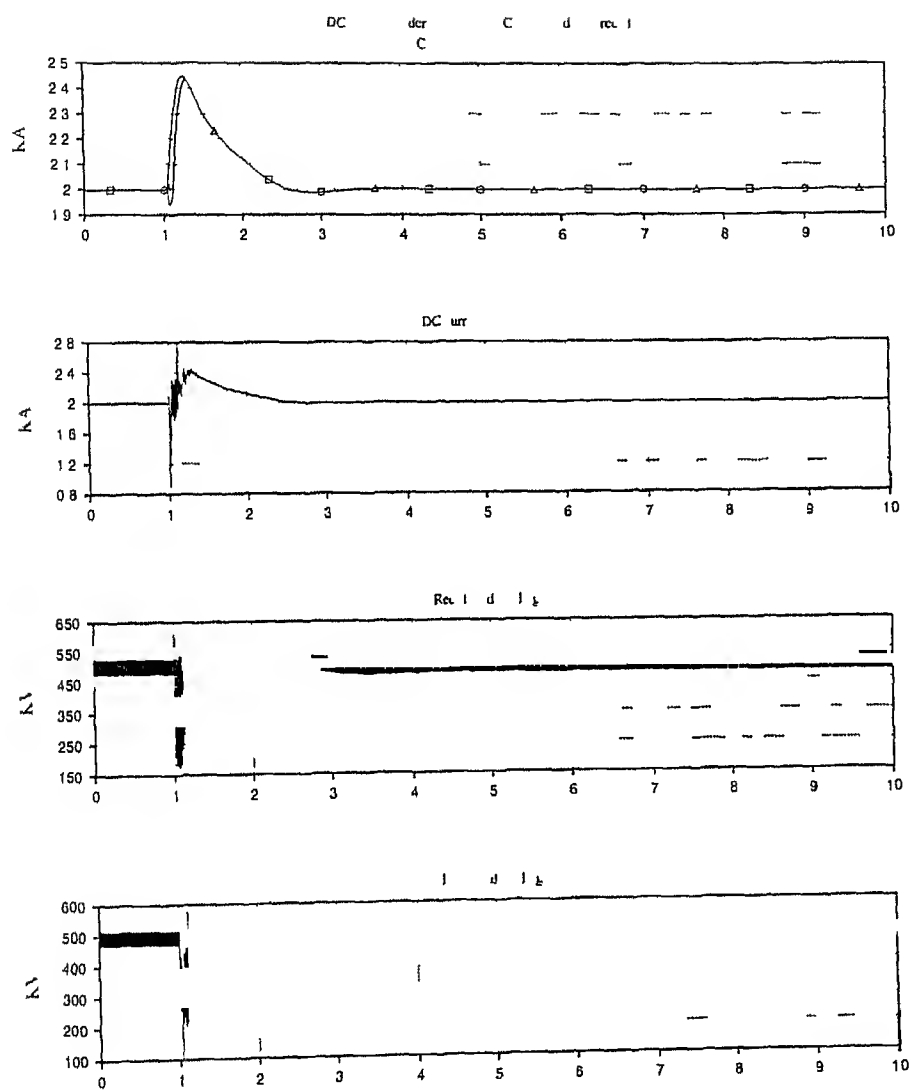


FIGURE 4.24 System response with fixed series compensation for single line to ground fault at rectifier bus II

## 4.9 DC line fault

The response of the system with delta regulator for this fault is given in Figures 4.25-4.26. Delta regulator works satisfactorily for this

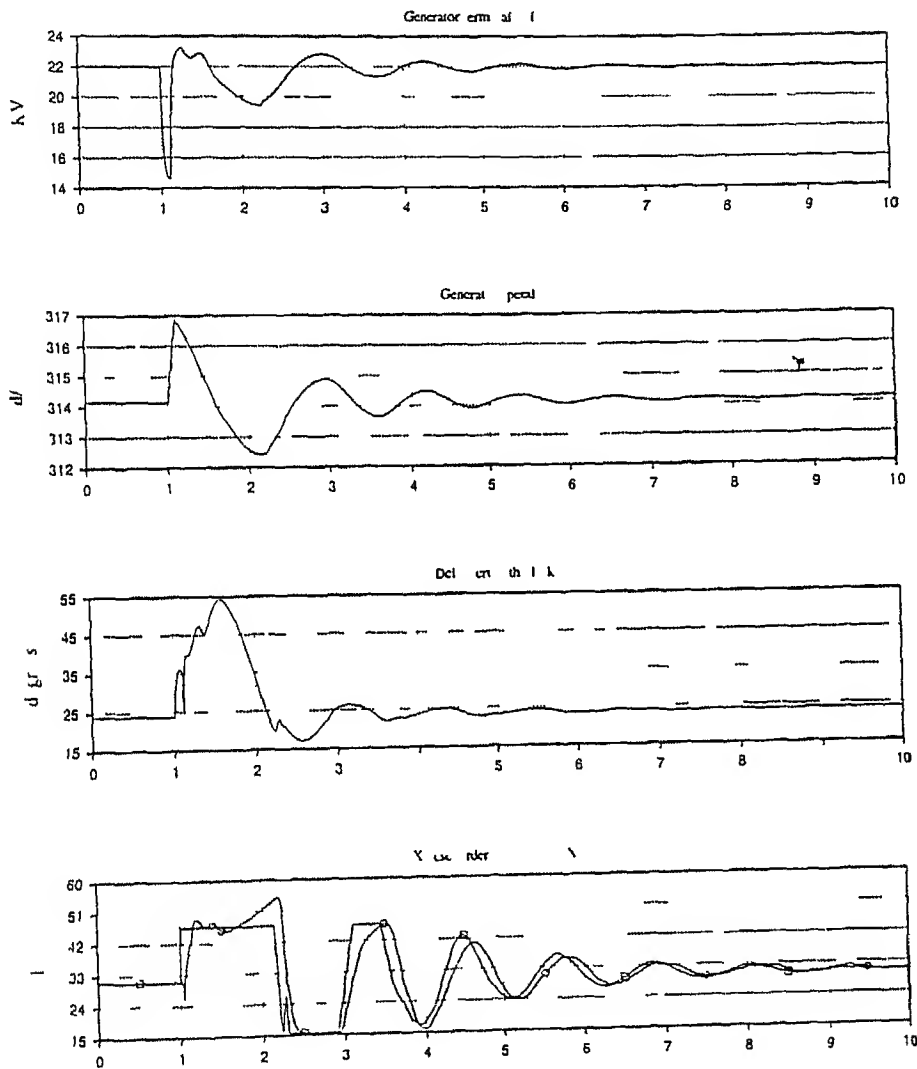


Figure 4.25 System response with TCSC delta regulator for DC line fault 1

For all the DC faults (AC converter bus or DC line) the power quickly reduces to zero because of the collapse of the voltage. So the power controller output (current order) hits its maximum limit in this case 25 kA. But the VDCOL action prevents

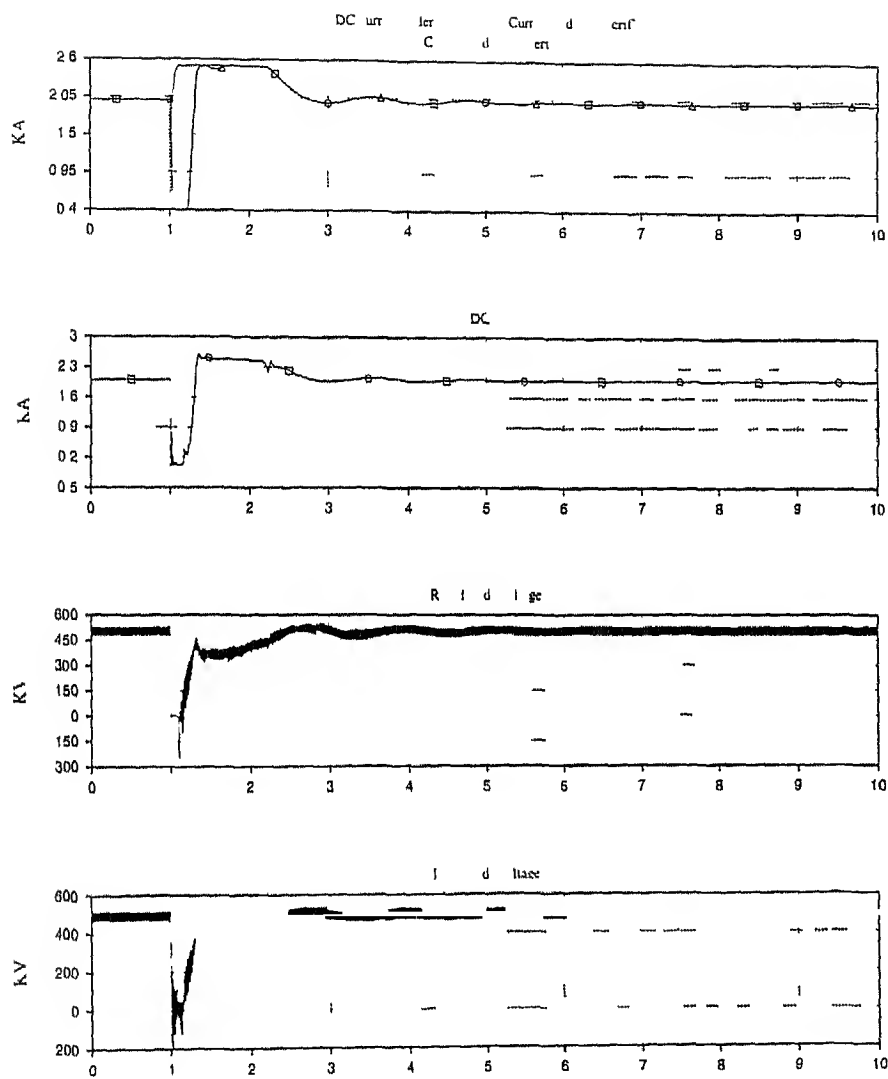


Figure 1.26 System response with TCSC delta regulator for DC line fault II

this increased current order going to the current controllers VDCOL reduces the current order actually sent to the current controller due to low voltages

## 4.10 Three phase solid fault at the TCSC terminals

The response of the system with delta regulator for the fault at first terminal(bus5) is given by Figure 4.27 and the second terminal(bus6) is given by the Figure 4.28 Delta regulator works satisfactorily for both cases

## 4.11 Rejection of local load in the generating area

The 1000 MW local load connected at the generating area is rejected fully for 20 cycles The response of the system with delta regulator for this is given in Figures 4.29 & 4.32

The system with fixed series compensation loses stability for this load rejection as seen from Figures 4.33 & 4.34

## 4.12 Step changes in DC power reference

The delta regulator is able to deal with the changes in the DC power reference Figure 4.35 shows the system response for multiple changes in DC power reference The step changes given are 200 MW at  $t=1\text{sec}$  +400 MW at  $t=6\text{ sec}$  400 MW at  $t=11\text{ sec}$  and +200 MW at  $t=16\text{ sec}$  It is seen that after a very small transient, delta returns to its reference value, which is  $23.8^\circ$  here Also it is seen that in DC line power there are hardly any transients DC power flow changes almost instantaneously The system transients are reflected in AC line

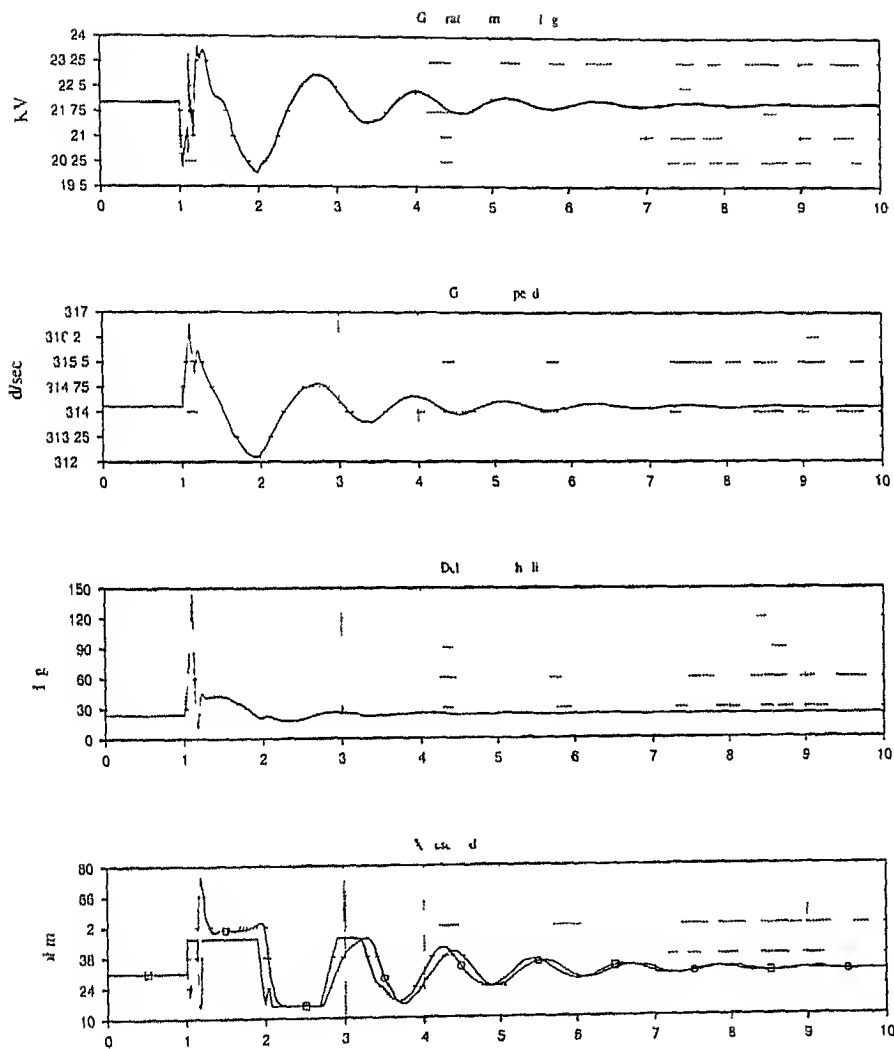


Figure 4.27 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase fault at the first TCSC terminal (bus0)

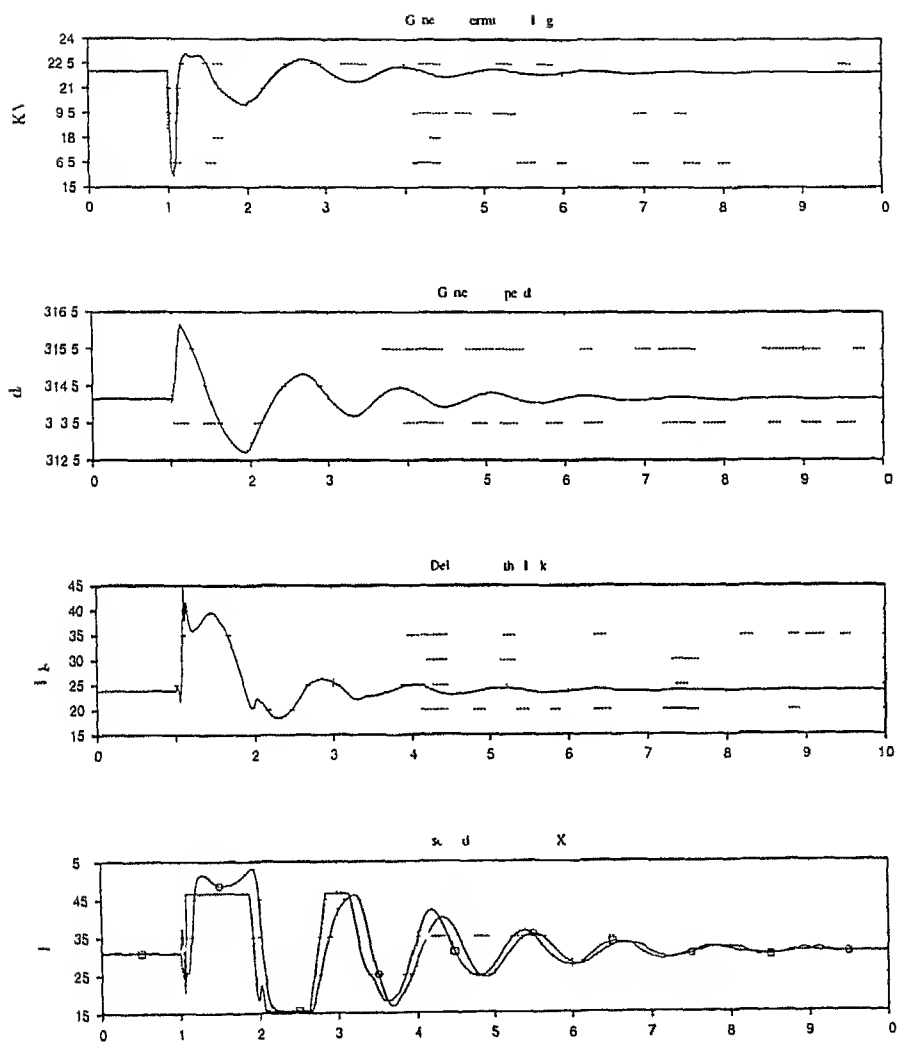


Figure 4.28 System response with TCSC delta regulator for 3 phase fault at the second TCSC terminal (bus6)

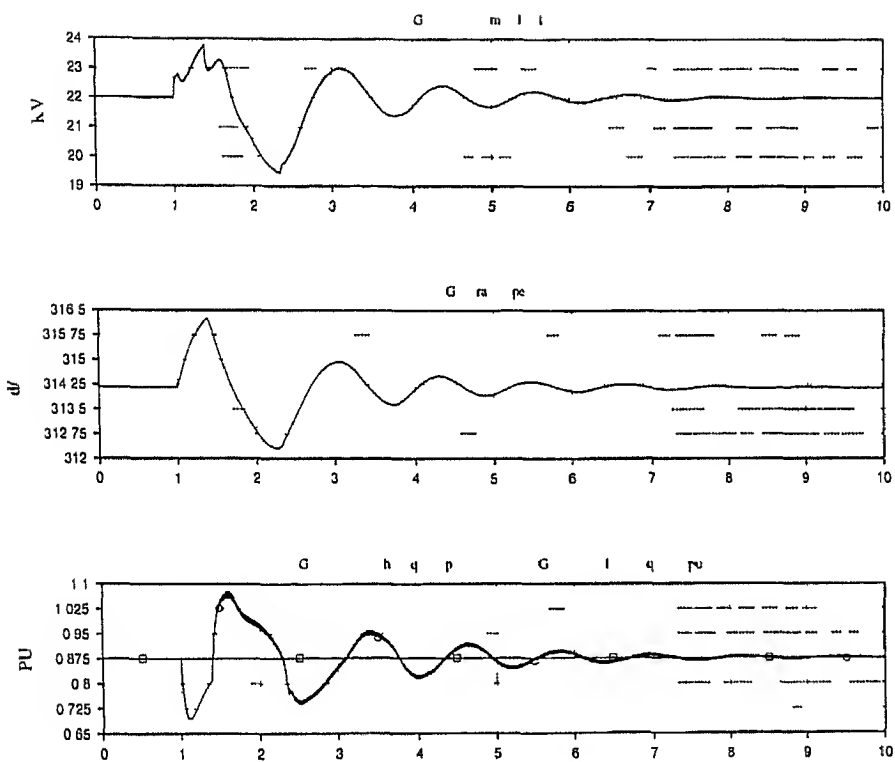


FIGURE 4.29 System response with TCSC delta regulator for local load rejection at the generating area I



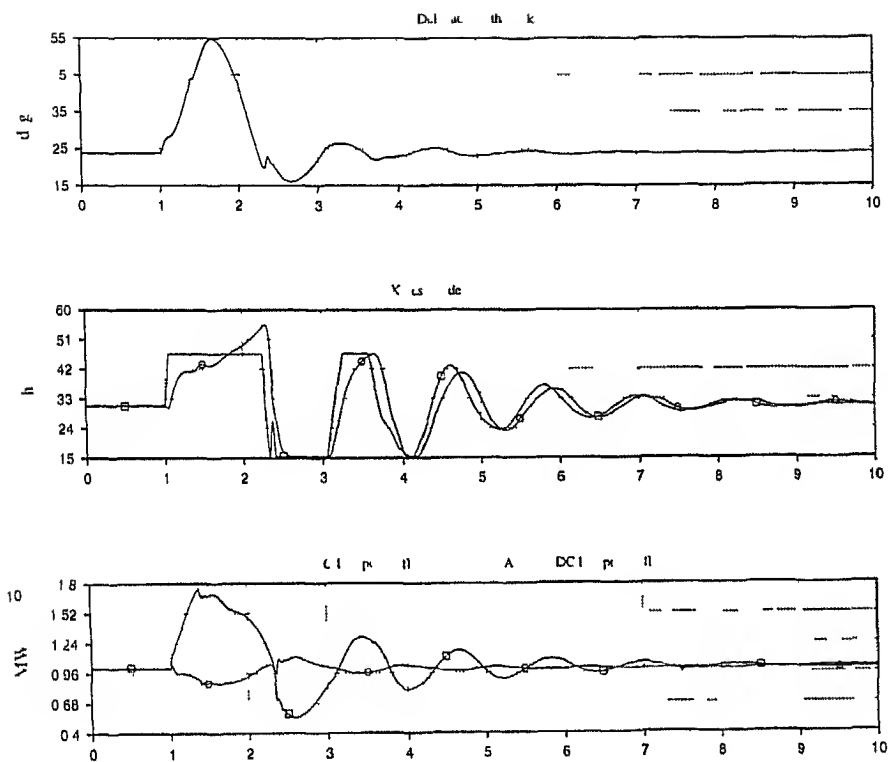


Figure 4.30 System response with TCSC delta regulator for local load rejection at the generating area II

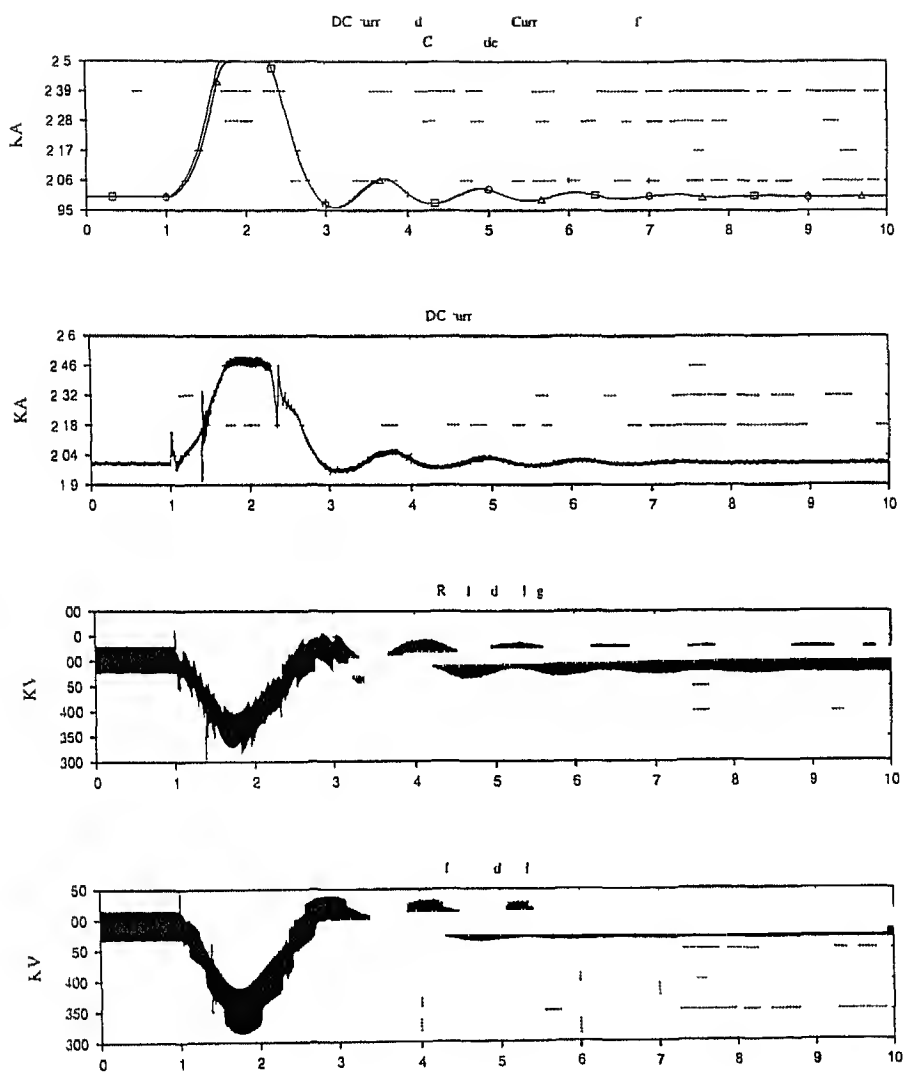


FIGURE 4.31 System response with TCSC delta regulator for local load rejection at the generating unit III

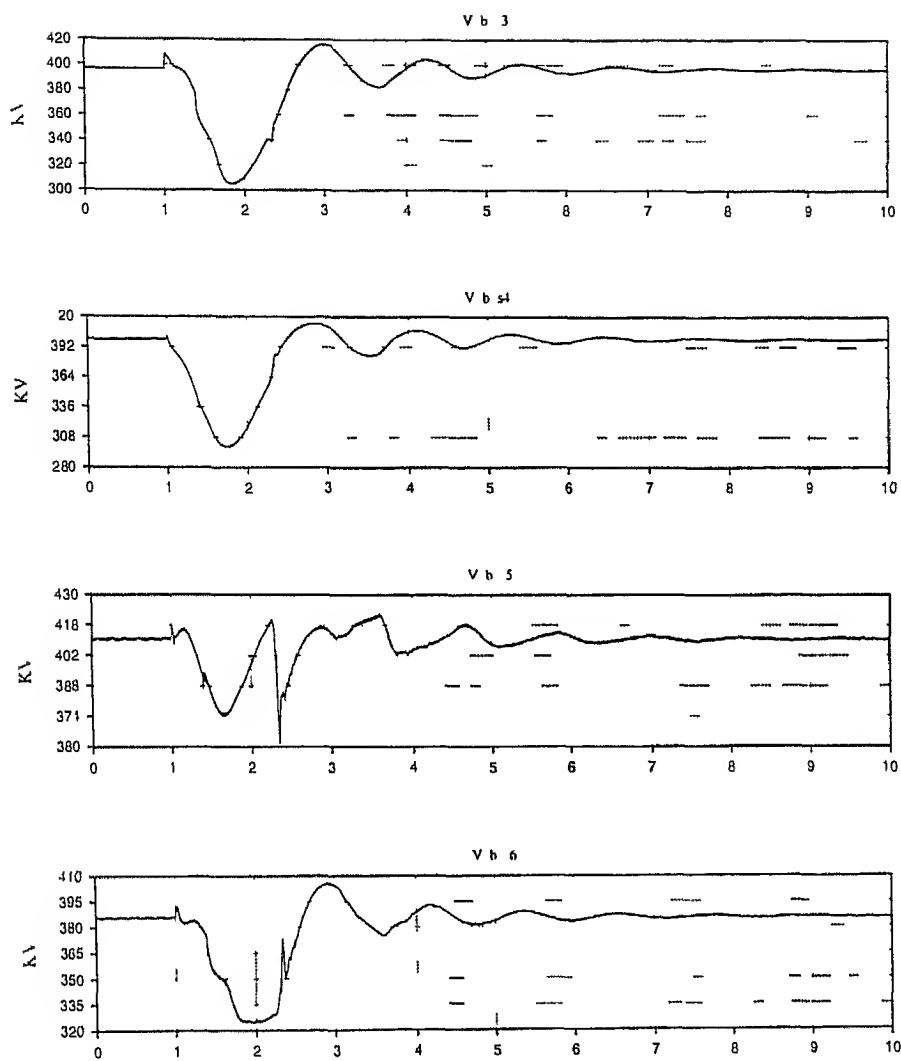


Figure 132 System response with TCSC delta regulator for local load rejection at the generating unit IV

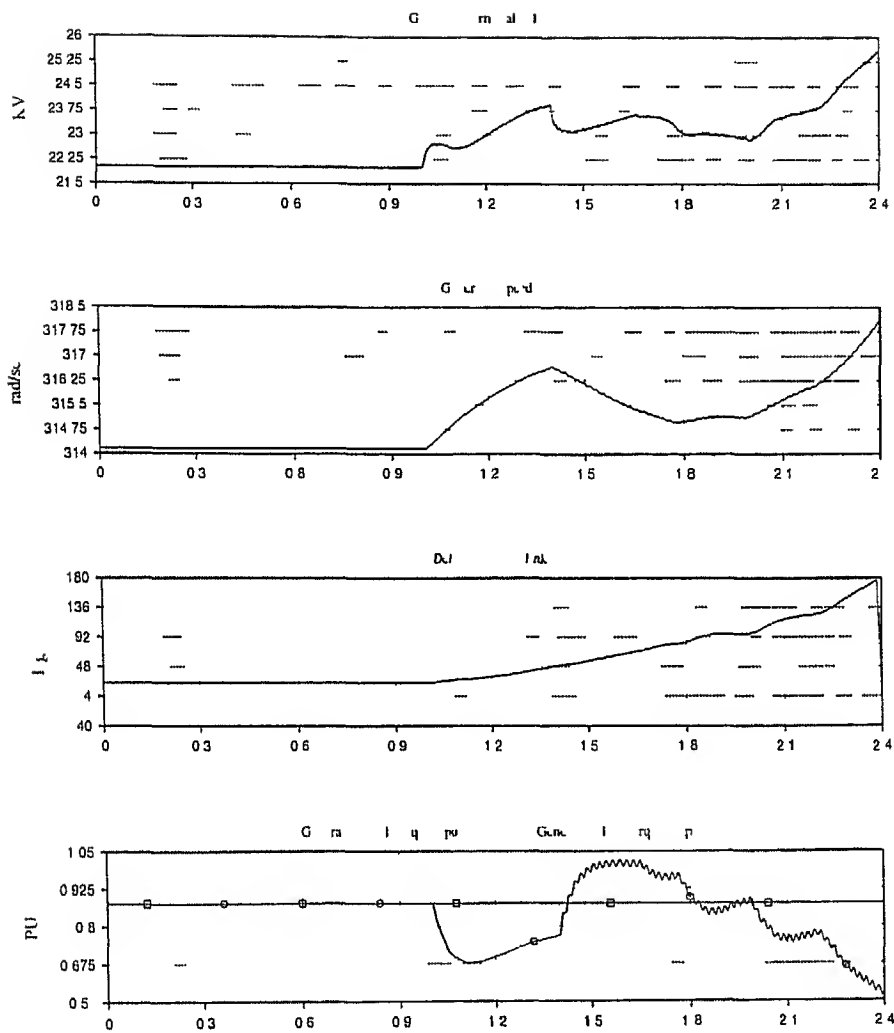


Figure 4.33 System response with Fixed series compensation for local load rejection at the generating unit 1

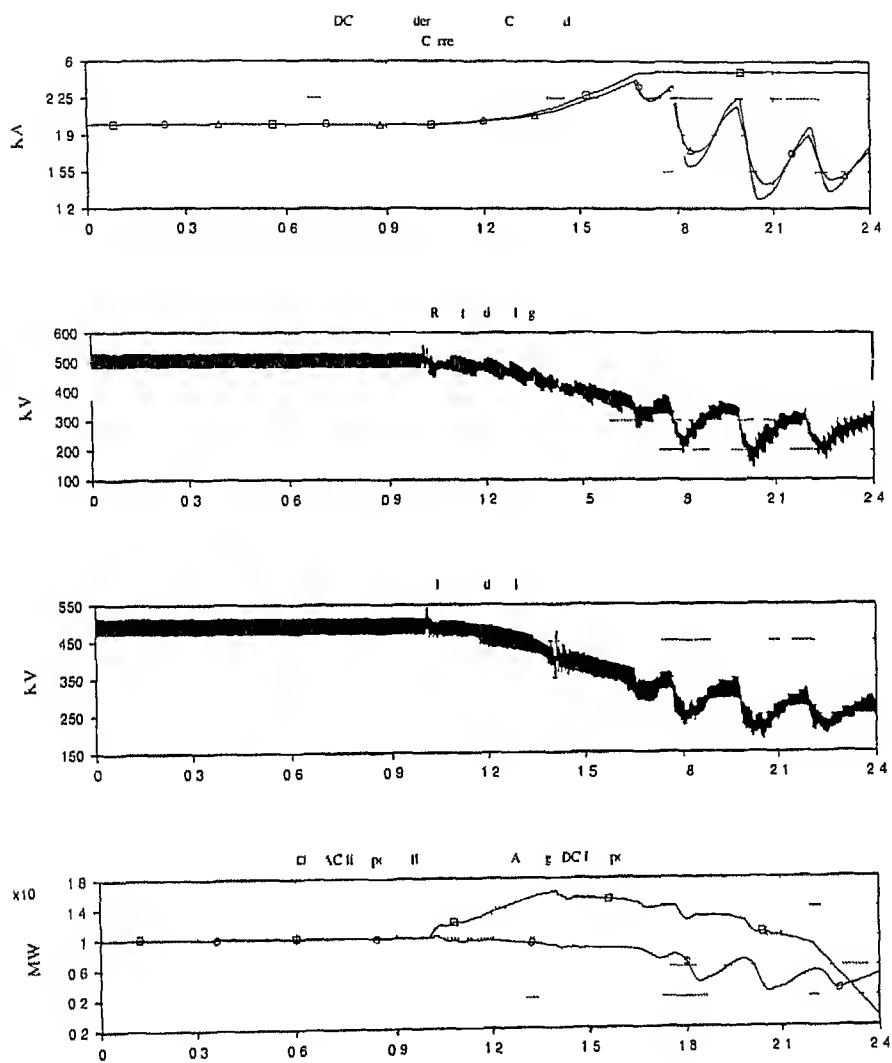


Figure 134 System response with fixed series compensation for local load rejection at the generating area II

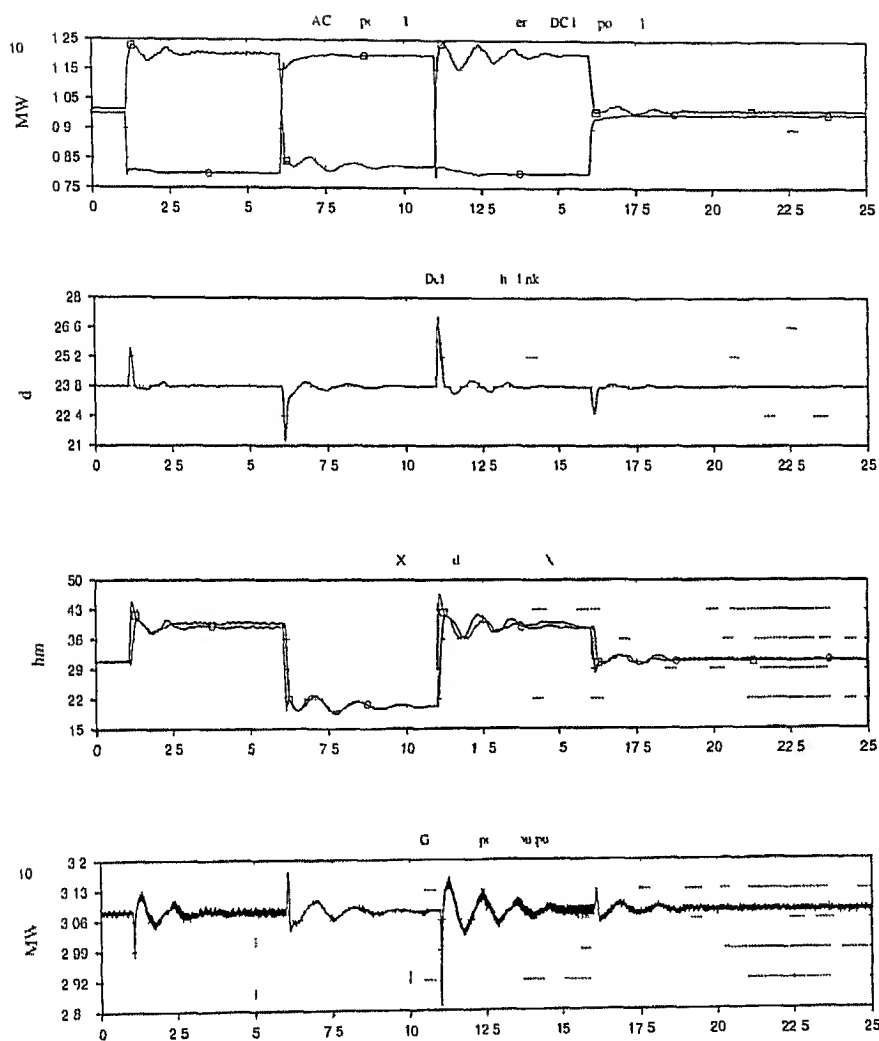


Figure 135 System response for multiple changes in DC power reference

## 4.13 Step changes in Delta reference

The delta regulator is subjected to multiple reference changes at  $t=1$  sec ( $-5^0$ )  $t=6$  sec ( $-10^0$ )  $t=11$  sec ( $-10^0$ ) and  $t=16$  sec ( $-5^0$ ). The delta regulator is able to track the reference value. But the response is more oscillatory compared to case of step changes in DC power reference. Figure 4.36 shows the response for these changes.

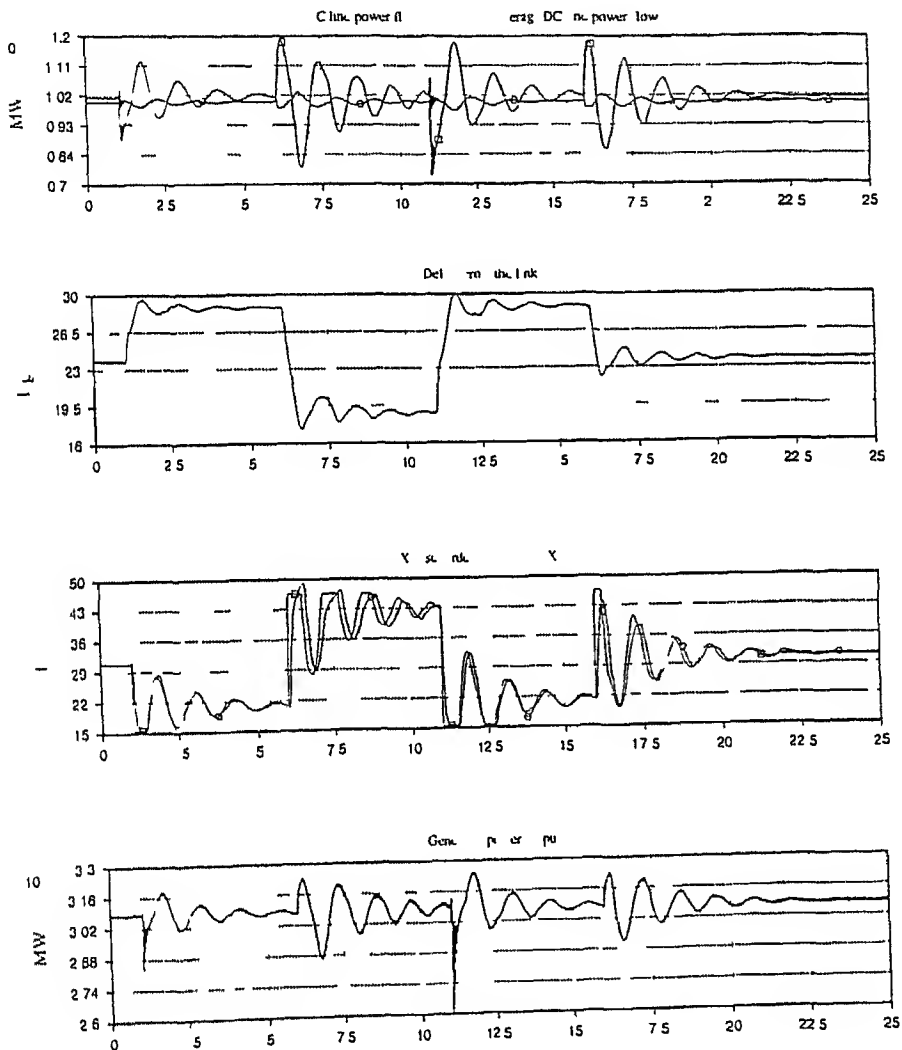


Figure 4.36 System response for multiple changes in delta reference

# 4.14 Step change in mechanical power input of the generator

The generator is given a step increase in mechanical power input. For a 10% change system response is shown in Figure 4.37. For a 5% change system response is shown in Figure 4.38. After some oscillations the value of delta returns to its reference value.

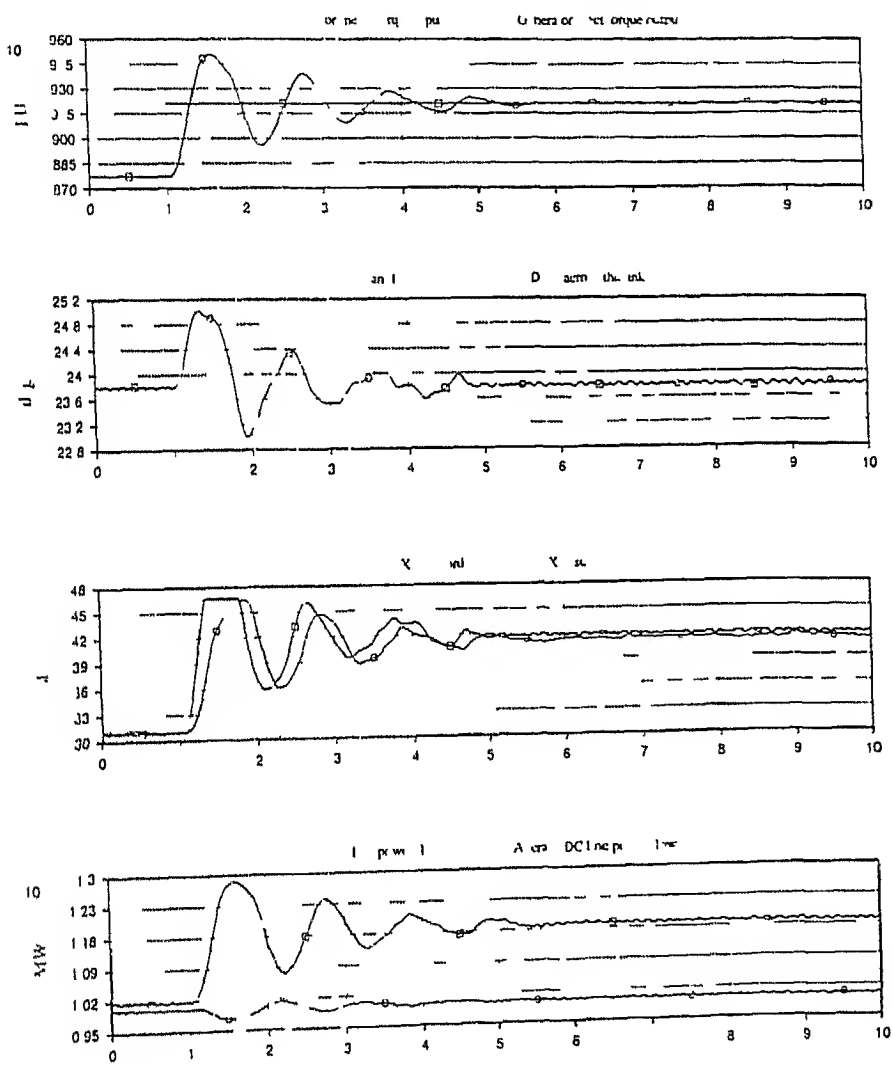


Figure 4.37 System response to 10% step increase in mechanical power input of the generator



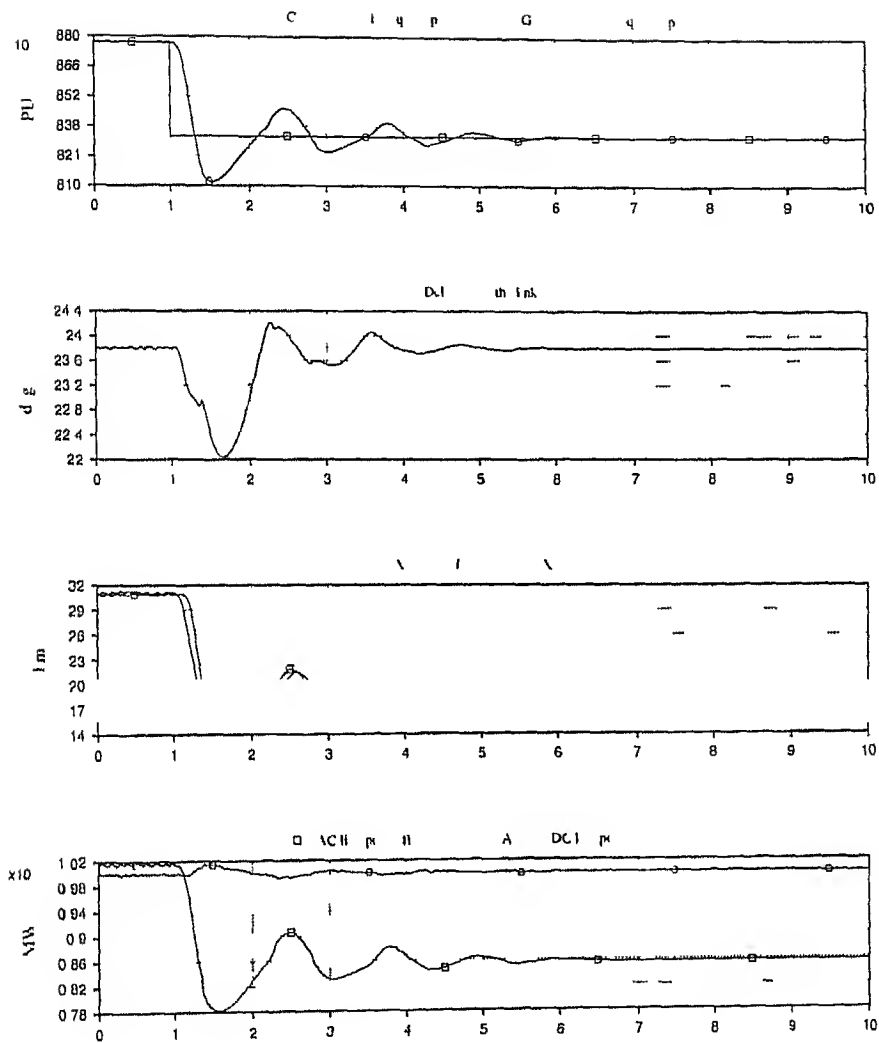


Figure 138 System response to a 5% step decrease in mechanical power input of the generator

# Chapter 5

## Conclusions

The main aim of this thesis was to develop for a parallel AC DC link a control strategy for variable series compensation of the AC line and to assess the performance of this control strategy. The device used for variable series compensation is TCSC (Thyristor Controlled Series Capacitor). The power system has been represented by a single generator connected to an infinite bus through a network which has an embedded parallel AC DC link.

It is demonstrated that the control strategies for the DC link and variable series compensation cannot work in isolation and the controllers on both need to be co-ordinated either explicitly or implicitly. Here a control strategy is proposed for variable series compensation which does not come in conflict with the DC link controls or the rest of the system and there is implicit co-ordination. The DC link controls the power. The controller proposed for variable series compensation regulates the power angle ( $\delta$ ) across the parallel link. The controller proposed here can be utilised with use of local measurements only.

The system was subjected to a wide range of disturbances to assess the performance of the control strategy. The disturbances simulated includes faults applied at various locations in the network and step changes in the power angle reference, DC link power reference and mechanical power input of the generator. The delta controller shows marked improvement in the transient stability of the system. In all cases, it improves the stability margin compared to a system with a fixed series

compensation on the AC line. The control design was found to be robust. It works satisfactorily under all conditions.

## 5.1 Suggestions for further work

1. In the present work, the main controller for variable series compensation is designed. This improves the transient stability of the system but the damping of the system for oscillations is found to deteriorate. The small signal modulation of the variable series compensation is a very powerful tool for improving the damping of the system. An auxiliary control for this can be designed as further work. For this TCSC dynamics need to be represented fully.
2. The controller designed here shows very small magnitude oscillations in output. This is because of the high gain values used and fourth order TCSC response which is basically a lag. Proper lead lag compensation needs to be designed to eliminate these oscillations.
3. In some cases reactive compensation for the HVDC link may be provided by SVC (Static VAR compensator). The SVC and TCSC interaction can be studied for such a case.
4. Here the TCSC works in capacitive mode only. If a firing control is designed which is able to shift TCSC operation into inductive mode as well, it will further improve the transient stability.

# Appendix A

## System data

### A.1 Base case load flow

Generator bus angle =  $56.12^\circ$

Generator real power output = 3080 MW

Generator reactive power output = 600 MVAR

Real power supplied to infinite bus = 1940 MW

Reactive power supplied to infinite bus = 226 MVAR

AC line power flow = 1000 MW

DC line power flow = 1000 MW

Rectifier bus voltage = 396.6 KV

Rectifier converter transformer tap setting = 1.075

Inverter bus voltage = 399.4 KV

Inverter converter transformer tap setting = 1.040

$\alpha_{rectifier} = 15.5^\circ$

$\gamma_{inverter} = 15^\circ$

$\alpha_{inverter} = 141.6^\circ$

## A 2 Generator data

### A 2 1 Machine data

Ratings 22 kV 3750 MVA

P U values given are on generator base

$R_a = 0.0025$  pu,  $X_a = 0.2$  pu

$X_d = 0.8$  pu,  $X'_d = 0.3$  pu  $X''_d = 0.25$  pu

$X_q = 0.6$  pu,  $X''_q = 0.25$  pu

$\tau'_{do} = 7.0$  sec  $\tau''_{do} = 0.03$  sec  $\tau''_{qo} = 0.06$  sec

$H = 10$  MW s/MVA

Friction and windage losses = 0.05 pu

### A 2 2 Exciter data

Exciter type is *exc35*

Voltage measurement time constant = 0.02 sec

Controller lead time constant = 1.5 sec

Controller lag time constant = 1.0 sec

Exciter gain = 100

Exciter time constant = 0.02 sec

$E_{ldmin} = 0$  pu  $E_{ldmax} = 5$  pu

### A 2 3 Power system stabiliser data

Number of lead lag blocks used = 3

Lead time constant = 0.179 sec

Lag time constant = 0.1916 sec

Washout block time constant = 10.0 sec

## A 3 Transformer data

Transformer at generator end

3750 MVA 22/400 kV  $X_l = 0.1$  pu on its own base

Transformer at infinite bus end

2500 MVA 100/230 kV  $X_l = 0.1$  pu on its own base

Converter transformers at rectifier

600 MVA 100/200 kV  $X_l = 0.15$  pu on its own base

Converter transformers at inverter

600 MVA 400/200 kV  $X_l = 0.15$  pu on its own base

## A 4 Transmission line data

### A 4.1 Transmission line parameters

Resistance =  $0.01 \Omega/\text{km}$

Inductive reactance =  $0.1554 \Omega/\text{km}$

Capacitive reactance =  $0.13866 \text{ M}\Omega/\text{km}$

### A 4.2 Transmission line lengths

From generator to the parallel link 200 kms

For AC link 800 kms

From parallel link to infinite bus 200 kms

## A 5 TCSC Data

### A 5.1 Component values

$L = 15 \text{ mH}$

$C = 20183 \mu\text{F}$

Inductor value for shunt compensation at TCSC terminals =  $2.206842 \text{ Henry}$

### A 5.2 TCSC Controller

$G_p = 5.0$

$$G_i = 0.0$$

$$X_{orderMin} = 15.51 \text{ Ohms}$$

$$X_{orderMax} = 16.62 \text{ Ohms}$$

## A 6 HVDC controls

### A 6.1 Current control

$$\text{Base current} = 2 \text{ Amps}$$

$$G_p = 3.0 \text{ deg/amp/s}$$

$$G_i = 0.01 \text{ pu}$$

$$\alpha_{max} = 110^\circ$$

$$\alpha_{min} = 5^\circ$$

### A 6.2 Gamma control

$$G_p = 0.1 \text{ pu}$$

$$G_i = 10.0 \text{ pu}$$

$$\alpha_{max} = 164.95^\circ$$

$$\alpha_{min} = 100^\circ$$

$$\gamma_{minOrder} = 15^\circ$$

$$\text{incremental current level} = 0.4 \text{ pu}$$

$$\text{current fade out time constant} = 0.02 \text{ sec}$$

### A 6.3 Power control

$$I_{orderMax} = 1.25 \text{ pu}$$

$$I_{orderMin} = 0.20 \text{ pu}$$

$$\text{Voltage measurement time constant} = 0.2 \text{ sec}$$

$$\text{Minimum limit on measured voltage} = 400 \text{ kV}$$

$$\text{Current order application time constant} = 0.02 \text{ sec}$$

## A 6 4 VDCOL

$$V_{it} = 0.7 \text{ pu}$$

$$V_{il} = 0.2 \text{ pu}$$

$$I_{min} = 0.2 \text{ pu}$$

$$\text{Lag time constant} = 0.02 \text{ sec}$$

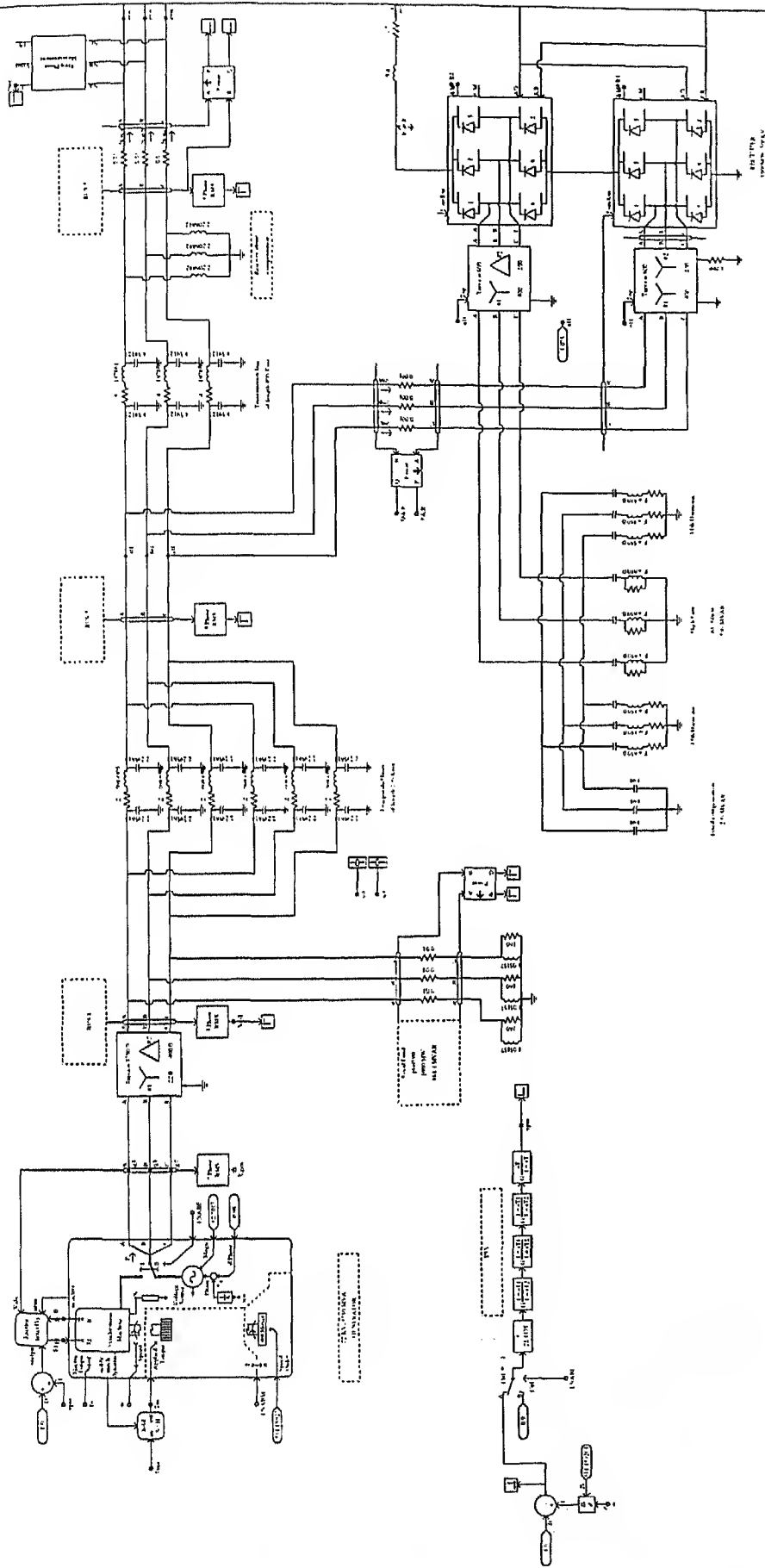
$$\text{Current order recovery rate} = 25 \text{ pu/sec}$$



# Appendix B

## PSCAD draft files

Here PSCAD draft files are given

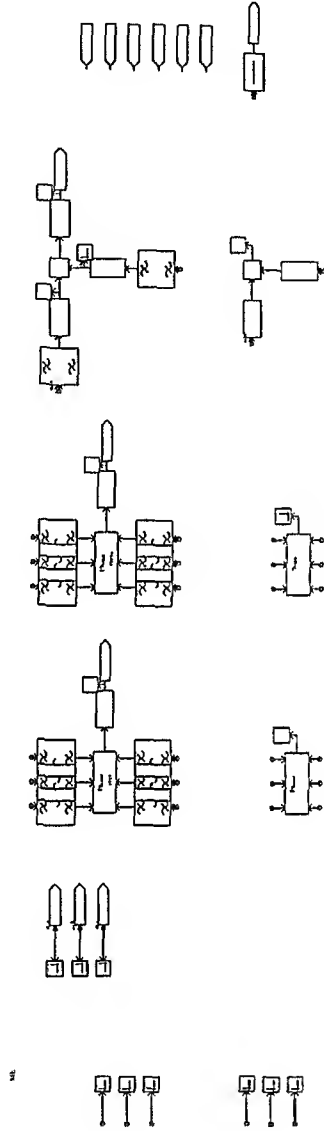


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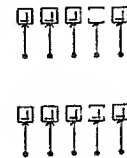
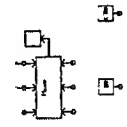
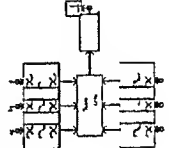
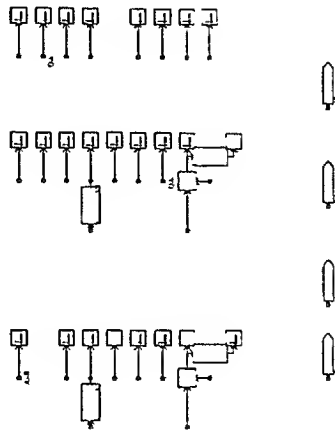


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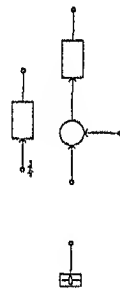
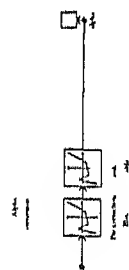
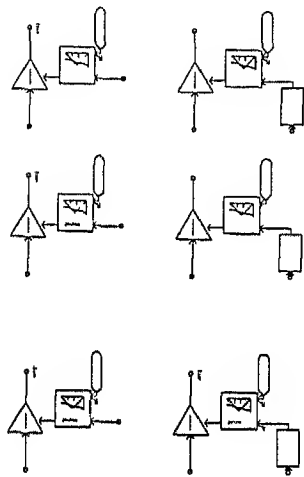
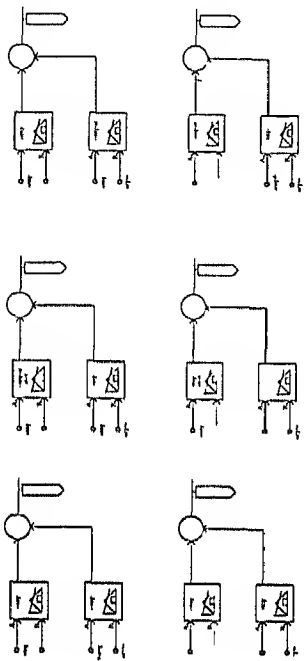
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